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LANCASTER COUNTY, PA., FIRES

The tobacco shed on the farm of Jonas Ebersol, Stumptown Rd., Bird-in-Hand R1, started burning after dark on the evening of January 13th. Fire was caused by a faulty chimney. Jonas had looked after the stove before going for supper. Neighbors saw the fire and put in the alarm. The fire spread to hanging tobacco and the entire shed was soon burned down. Effort was made to save the potatoes in the cellar, they were sorted and bagged the next day.

Zook's Farm Store, owned by Morris Zook of Honey Brook, was completely destroyed by fire early Friday morning, January 21st. The fire started at the oil burner in the office. Firemen were able to save the nearby barn. The shop is being rebuilt.

MIFFLIN COUNTY, PA., ACCIDENTS

Rudy Byler, of Belleville, had his right arm broken in two places when a heifer gave him a push that was a little too hard.

Jonas D. Yoder received a cut on his forehead, which required stitches, and a badly sprained hand and wrist when he fell from a ladder while sawing a branch from a tree. When the branch fell it hit the ladder pushing it over sideways throwing Jonas from the ladder headfirst, about ten feet.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Marshfield, Missouri

The barn at Alvin Kauffman's, Junior, burned to the ground on January 12th. It started from an overheated hot water heater in the milk room. Also lost were about 300 bales hay, his milk tank, etc.

Eli Yoder lost four milk cows and a young bull when they broke through the ice on their pond on January 16th.

NEW YORK MAN BURNS EYES

Neil Troyer, 24, of Norfolk R2, New York, had the misfortune of burning his eyes with steam, January 3rd, when a pipe on the boiler broke at the cheese factory, which is near completion. He spent one day at the hospital and was under a doctor's care. Sight was not quite back to normal at this writing.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Ethridge, Tennessee

Bishop Eli J. Hostetler's had a scare when some masked robbers broke into their house on January 5th. They were not satisfied with the small amount of cash they found on hand and did a lot of threatening. They fired a shot through the floor in front of Eli and beat him in his face with fists and a flashlight, which broke his nose and cut a few small gashes that needed sewing. When kidnapping was threatened in earnest most of the family fled, at least the smallest children and girls, several went to neighbors. The law came out, took Eli to Hospital, and brought him back again. Eli says he is fine again. The law apparently didn't have them yet at last reports but they are still searching.

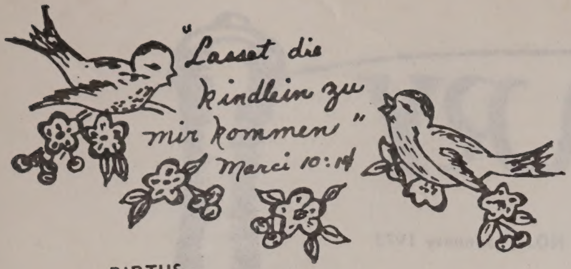
Andy, son of Pre. Enos A. Yoder, got his one finger cut in a buzz saw, they may have to do some grafting.

Mattie, widow of John Zook, had a gallstone operation and is coming along as good as can be expected.

Flu seems to have a pretty good grip at present.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Cochranton, Pennsylvania

Robert, 12-year-old son of Daniel Bontrager's, was kicked in the head by a horse on Christmas Day after church services. He was taken to the emergency room where eight stitches were put in.



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Christ M. (Rebecca Smucker) Ronks 1. a daughter **Sarah S.**, Jan. 15
Beiler, Daniel S. (Lillian B. Beiler) Quarryville 3. a daughter **Rosanna**, Jan. 29
Esh, Benjamin (Barbara Glick) Paradise 1. a son **Levi**, January 4
Esh, Benjamin P. (Lydia H. Lapp) Lancaster. a daughter **Linda L.** January 25
Fisher, David L. (Ruth Ann Stoltzfus) New Holland. a dau. **Suzanne**, Jan. 21
Glick, Jacob S. (Mary S. Stoltzfus) Quarryville 2. a son DAVID, Jan. 1
Glick, Stephen R. Glick (Rachel S. Beiler) Leola. a dau **Rebecca B.**, Jan. 27
King, Amos (Rachel King) Manheim 1. a son **Henry K** January 27
King, Daniel K. Jr. (Elizabeth A. Fisher) Bird-In-Hand 1 a son **Enos F.** Jan. 29
Lapp, Amos S. (Katie A. Zook) Strasburg 1. a son **Daniel Z.**, January 6
Riehl Abner F. (Anna H. Lapp) Strasburg 1. a daughter **Katie L.**, January 18
Smucker, Daniel (Lavina Beiler) Narvon 1. a son. January 20
Smucker, Jacob S. Jr. (Sara S. Petersheim) New Holland 2. a daughter **Rebecca Lynn**, January 25
Smucker, Moses (Susie Stoltzfus) Churchtown. a dau. **Elizabeth E.**, Jan. 4
Stoltzfoos, David Z (Emma L Petersheim) Leola 1. a son **Christian P.** Jan. 12
Stoltzfus, Aaron L. (Betsie J. Beiler) Conestoga 1. a son **Abner F.**, Jan. 7
Stoltzfus, Amos S. (Arianna Stoltzfus) Gap 1. a daughter. January 30
Stoltzfus, Bennie K. (Katie S. Stoltzfus) Christiana 1. a son **Stephen S.** Jan. 26
Stoltzfus, Benuel S. (Lydia Petersheim) Paradise 1. a son **Christian P.** Jan. 14
Stoltzfus, Christian (Mary Zook) Kinzers 1. a son **Abner Z.**, January 7
Stoltzfus, Elam H. (Anna Mary Fisher) Leola. a son **Mark Allen**. January 29
Stoltzfus, Elam M. (Lydia S. Stoltzfus) Kinzers 1. a son **Samuel Mark**, Jan. 5
Stoltzfus, Emanuel (Emma Stoltzfus) Honey Brook 2. a dau. **Katie L.** Jan. 18
Stoltzfus, Jacob B. (Annie K. Fisher) Christiana 1. a dau. **Nancy F.**, Jan. 24
Stoltzfus, Jacob S. (Sarah F. Smucker) Ronks 1. a son **Eli S.**, January 21
Stoltzfus, John F. (Fannie E. Beiler) Strasburg 1. a son **John F. Jr.**, Jan. 6
Stoltzfus, Moses S. (Barbara E. King) Paradise 1. a son **Reuben C.**, Jan. 29
Stoltzfus, Samuel S. (Annie K Stoltzfus) Christiana 1 a son **Benuel H.** Jan 12
Stoltzfus, Samuel S. (Katie S. Lapp) Gordonville. a dau. **Emma L.**, Jan. 26
Stoltzfus. Steven H (Anna E Stoltzfus) Narvon 2 a dau **Ruth S.** January 5

Dover, Delaware

Byler, Henry A Jr (Saloma Miller) Dover. a son **Jerry Ray** Jan 17
Detweiler, John R (Martha Miller) Dover. a dau. **Martha Ann** Jan. 6
Mast, Daniel D. (Betty Miller) Dover. a dau. **Lucy**, Jan. 25
Mast, Jonas N. (Clara Mast) Clayton. a dau. **Emma**, Jan. 18
Miller, Raymond M. (Esther Byler) Dover. a son. **David**, Jan 22
Miller, William H (Martha Ann Troyer) Dover. a dau. **Dorothy**, January 12
Yoder, Roman L (Sadie Mast) Hartley a son **Jonathan**, Jan. 20

St Mary's County, Maryland

Stoltzfus, Ben L. (Mary Hostetler) Mechanicsville. a DAU. **Fannie**, January 3
Zook, Bennie (Naomi Hostetler) Mechanicsville. a son **Rufus**, Jan. 20

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Lantz, Stephen G. (Rachel Lapp) Lebanon. a son. **Jonathan G** Jan 17
Smoker, Moses B (Annie Lapp) Myerstown. a dau. **Hannah L** Jan. 27

Clinton County, Pennsylvania

Esh, John (Annie Kauffman) Loganton 1. a dau. **Barbara**, Jan. 7

Snyder County, Pennsylvania

Troyer, Sam S. (Ida Christner). a son **Enos**, Jan. 17

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Kanagy, Rufus R (Barbara Blank) Mifflintown 2 a Son **Henry** Jan. 12
Petersheim, Andy T (Mary Kanagy) Mifflintown 2. a dau. **Eva**, Jan. 5
Troyer, Atlee L M (Ivy Troyer) Mifflintown. a dau. **Susan**, Jan. 16

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Kanagy, Menno (Mary Swarey) Belleville. a dau. **Leah**, Jan. 18
Peachey, Kore (Fannie Peachey) Belleville. a dau. **Nancy**, Jan 17
Renno, John (Lavina Peachey) Belleville. a son. **Philip**, Jan. 21

Adams County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Jonas M (Gertrude N Stoltzfus) a dau. **Hannah**, Jan 13

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Kinsinger, Jake (Freida Schrock) Meyersdale. a dau. **Anna**, January 22

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

King, Christ (Lizzie Lantz) Newburg 1. a daughter **Nancy**, January 22
Stoltzfus, Ben (Christianne Dienner) Newburg 1. a son **David**. January 28

Cochranton, Pennsylvania

Byler, Daniel (Sara Ann) a dau. **Naomi**, October 12
Byler, Melvin (Barbara) a dau. **Mary Ellen**. November 18

Geauga County, Ohio

Byler, Dan J S (Sheila Gingerich) a dau. **Esther, January 22**
Byler, Joseph E (Irene Troyer) a daughter. January 18
Byler, Wallace D (Ann Yoder) a son **William**, January 3
Byler, William D (Iva Hostetler) a daughter. January 16
Fisher, Dan D (Nancy Mast) a son **Daniel Jr.**, January 18
Kauffman, Joe A (Sara Miller) a son **Marvin**, January 5
Mast, David M. (Mary Ellen Kempf) a daughter. **Ellen**, Jan. 26
Miller, Crist E (Mary Hostetler) a son. **Melvin**, January 22
Miller, Crist J (Martha Shrock) a daughter **Mary Ellen** Jan. 18
Miller, David A (Kathy Kurtz) a son **Johnny**
Miller, Jake D (Elizabeth Detweiler) a son. January 10
Miller, Joe P (Lavina Hershberger) a son **Joseph Jr.**, January 11
Miller, John A (Lovina Wengerd) a daughter **Mattie**, January 10
Miller, Monroe M (Anna Kauffman) a son **Willis**, January 11
Miller, Owen N (Ada Miller) a daughter **Martha**
Weaver, Dan D (Esther Troyer) a son. January 14

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Wayne County, Ohio

Detweiler Melvin M (Ada Miller) Fredericksburg, a son, **Gary,** Jan

Hershberger, Eli A (Betty Yoder) Fredericksburg 2, Twins, **Raymond and Ruth,** January 15

Hershberger, Melvin S (Esther Miller) Fredericksburg, a daughter **Katie,** January 15

Hochstetler, Abe J (Anna Gingerich) Orrville 3, a son, Jan. 4

Hochstetler, Daniel J (Susie Hershberger) Orrville 3, a son, **Gabriel,** December 27

Miller, Simon J (Katie Raber) Fredericksburg, a dau. **Katie Mae** December 26

Troyer, Edwin M (Mary Mast) AppleCreek, a son **Nelson,** Jan 13

Weaver, Ervin (Fannie Mae Troyer) Fredericksburg, a son **Vernon** January 16

Yoder, Melvin D (Katie Weaver) Orrville 3, a son **Samuel Edward** December 31

Holmes County, Ohio

Beachy, John B. (Mary Schrock) Millersburg 5 a dau. **Linda,** Dec. 16

Burkholder, Mr. and Mrs Roy J. Millersburg 4. a dau. **Esther,** Jan. 12

Chupp, Leroy (Elizabeth Troyer) Holmesville, a dau. **Anna,** Jan. 17

Coblentz, Ben W (Arie Yoder) Millersburg a son **Willis Lamar** Nov. 26

Coblentz, Eli R (Mary O Yoder) Millersburg 5, a dau. **Fannie,** Dec. 4

Hershberger, Emanuel H (Katie Schlabach) Fredericksburg, a dau. **Martha,** January 19

Hershberger, Mr and Mrs. Ervin A., Fredericksburg, a son, Nov. 22

Kline, Dan E (Mary Ann Mast) Millersburg, a dau. **Rhoda,** Dec 26

Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Andy, Millersburg 2, a dau. **Elizabeth,** Dec. 27

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis A Millersburg 5, a dau. **VIOLA** Dec.

Miller, Henry E (Iva Yoder) Baltic, a dau. **Arlene** Jan. 14

Miller, Ivan S (Elsie Yoder) Millersburg, a dau. **Erma,** Jan. 24

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John D Millersburg, a dau. **Laura,** December

Miller, Jonas D (Verna Miller) Millersburg 5, a son. **David,** Dec. 30.

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ray R. Millersburg, a son, Jan. 16

Miller, Wayne M (Susie Schlabach) Millersburg 2, a dau. **Ruth,** Dec. 8

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Willis D., Millersburg, a daughter, January 17

Schlabach, Andy A (Sadie Troyer) Millersburg, a dau. **Naomi** Jan. 18

Stutzman, Eli L (Mattie R. Miller) Millersburg, a son **ANDREW** January 6

Stutzman, Melvin J (Rebecca Miller) Millersburg, 3 a dau. **Lydia Ann,** January 26

Troyer, Ben A (Susie Miller) Millersburg, a son **Dennis** Dec 19

Troyer, Paul U (Effie N Miller) Mt Hope, a dau. **Lovina Sue,** Nov. 29

Wengerd, Levi E (Mary Ann Hershberger) Fredericksburg 2, a son, **Jacob,** Dec. 13

Wengerd, Simon Jr. (Katie J. Miller) Millersburg 5, a son, **Jacob,** December 30

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Amos C., Millersburg 3, a dau. **Susie,** Jan. 17

Yoder, Crist J A (Esther Burkholder) Baltic 1, a dau. **Marie** Dec. 27

Yoder, Dan E (Mattie Yoder) Fresno, a dau. **Esther,** Jan. 19

Yoder, Mike E (Mary J Bontrager) Millersburg 5, a son, **Jonas** December 15

Hicksville, Ohio

Raber, David (Verna Mae Wagler) a son **Philip,** January 6

Centreville, Michigan

Kauffman, Joseph R. (Lizzie Hochstetler) Centreville 1, a son **Amzie,** Jan. 17

Miller, Marvin D. (Clara Barkholder) Centreville 1, a dau. **Esther,** Dec. 31

Bronson, Michigan,

Bontrager, Ervin (Viola Schlabach) a daughter January 22

Hershberger, Joni (Ida Miller) a son **Noah,** January 17

Miller, David (Edna Graber) a daughter **Esther,** January 18

Branch County, Michigan

Schwartz, Levi S. (Sarah Miller) Fremont, Ind. a dau. **Elizabeth,** Jan. 29

Steuben County, Indiana

Schwartz, David N J (Katie S Schwartz) Hamilton, a dau. **Lizzie,** Dec. 30

Adams County, Indiana

Eicher, Paul U. (Margaret E. Schwartz) Geneva 2, a dau. **Viola,** January 8

Hilty, Elmer K. (Salome Graber) Geneva 2, a son, January 23

Schwartz, Jacob K. (Delila Eicher) Berne 2, a daughter **Barbara,** January

Schwartz, Joe M. (Lydiann F. Schwartz) Monroe 1, a son **Leander,** Jan. 12

Wickey, Jacob E. (Sylvia Schwartz) Berne 2, a son, January 5

LaGrange, Indiana

Glen (Lydia Mae Bontrager) Middlebury 3, a dau. **Esther G.** Jan. 20

Beechy, Daniel (Alma Miller) Topeka R1, a son **Daniel Jr.** January 16

Bontrager, David (Anna Raber) LaGrange 1, a daughter, **Esther D.,** Jan. 5

Barkholder, Ezra (Elsie Mast) LaGrange 1, a daughter, **Edna E.,** Dec. 31

Hershberger, Mervin (Sue Ellen Yoder) Topeka 2, a dau. **Pauline,** Jan. 14

Hershberger, Owen (Verna Yoder) Wolcottville 2, a son **Joseph O.,** Jan. 9

Helmuth, Milo (Amanda Raber) Topeka 1, a dau. **Marietta M.,** January 19

Miller, Lloyd (Ida Mae Lehman) a son **Larry Eugene,** January 11

Miller, Omar (Martha Whetstone) Shipshewana 1, twin sons **Nathan o. and Norman O.** January 21

Miller, Orva (Esther Mast) Topeka 1, a son **Joe O.,** January 20

Miller, Perry (Mary Kathryn Schlabach) Topeka 1, a son **Jerry Lee,** Jan. 7

Miller, Raymond (Edna Yoder) Topeka 1, a son **Kenneth Dean,** January 12

Troyer, Albert Jr. (Dorothy Slabaugh) Shipshewana 1, a son **Allen Ray,** Jan 8

Wengard, David (Susie Weaver) LaGrange 3, a dau. **Katie D.,** Dec. 28

Yoder, Dan (Mary Mast) LaGrange 4, a son **Ferman Jay,** January 10

Yoder, Harry (Sue Ann Beachy) LaGrange 2, a son **Johnny,** January 4

Yoder, Orla (Carolyn Sue Yoder) Topeka 1, a son **Richard Devon,** Jan. 4

Yoder, William (Glada Eash) Shipshewana 2, a son **Michael Dean,** Jan. 7

Elkhart County, Indiana

Lehman, Ernest (Ellen Miller) Middlebury, a son **Steven Ray,** January 8

Nisley Mr. and Mrs. Glen, Goshen, a daughter **Lovetta,** January 23

Schrock, Clarence (Ruby Miller) Middlebury, a daughter **Linda Jean, Dec. 28**

Schrock, William (Lorreta Miller) Middlebury 2, twin sons **Marvin & Mervin,** December 30

Allen County, Indiana

Brandenberger, Enos Jr. (Rosa Steury) a son **David,** January 6

Eicher, Reuben (Amy Schmucker) a son **Nathan Lee,** January 25

Kauffman, Amos (Malinda Graber) a daughter, **Rose Marie,** January 3

Miller, Melvin (Rosa Mae Schmucker) a son **Melvin,** January 3

Schwartz, Daniel (Anna Lengacher) a son **Mervin,** January 22

Arthur, Illinois

Kauffman, David (Anna Mae Schrock) a daughter, January 4

Miller, Elva (Edith Otto) a daughter, January 23

Rank, Marlin (Edna Fern Hershberger) a son, January 21

Guthrie, Kentucky

Byler, Daniel (Betty Kauffman) Guthrie 2, a daughter, **Anna Mae,** Jan. 31

Lambright, Eugene (Ellen Kanagy) Guthrie 2, a dau. **Barbara Ann** Jan. 3

Peachy, David (Emma Miller) Guthrie 2, a son **Thomas Daniel,** January 11

Ethridge, Tennessee

Yoder, Jacob M. (Delila Hostetler) a daughter **Ida,** January 27

Yoder, Levi S (Lena Gingerich) a daughter **Mary,** January 15

Mayes County, Oklahoma

Detweiler, Eli (Iva Miller) a daughter, January 11

Jamesport, Missouri

Beechy, Joni L. (Barbara Detweiler) a son **Raymond,** January 13

Ropp, Tobie, (Cora Miller) a son **Thomas,** January 2

Yoder, Dan L. (Lydia Bontrager) twins **Eli & Emma,** January 6

Seymour, Missouri

Schwartz, Jacob G. (Fannie P. Schwartz) **a daughter Katie J., January 10**

Schwartz, Petie G. (Leah E. Schwartz) **a son Menno P. L., January 1**

Schwartz, Petie J. (Lizzie Schwartz) **a daughter Priscilla L., January 8**

Pike County, Missouri

Barkholder, Mosie J. K. (Tina Eicher) Curryville, twin daughters, **Mary & Martha,** December 23

Barkholder, Sam C. (Magdalena Eicher) Curryville, a dau. **Ida,** January 22

Lee, Noah A. (Emma Schwartz) Curryville, a son **Samuel,** January 7

Yoder, Chriss (Malinda Schwartz) Bowling Green, a daughter, **Lizzie,** Jan. 26

Yoder, George E. (Lydia Troyer) Bowling Green, a daughter **Rhoda,** Jan. 30

Audrian County, Missouri

Bontrager, Willard (Amelia Burkholder) Clark, a daughter **Clara,** December 30

Miller, Noah (Mary Stutzman) Clark, a daughter **Anna,** December 31

Petersheim, Levi (Ida Gingerich) Clark, twin sons **Amos & Andy,** January 3

Yoder, David (Miriam Miller) Clark, a daughter **Esther,** January 19

Garnett, Kansas

Bontrager, Larry (Susie Yoder) Welda, a daughter **Yvonne Marie,** January 10

Yoder, Perry (Nancy Miller) Garnett, a daughter **Edna Eileen,** January 22

Bloomfield, Iowa

Yoder, Lloyd (Mary Gingerich) a son **Robert Wayne,** January 23

Johnson County, Iowa

Miller, Fenton (Lydia Chupp) a daughter **Dorothy**

Miller, Jerry T. (Irene Kauffman) a daughter **Keturah,** January 2

Nisley, Eldon (Katie Yoder) a daughter **Polly Anna,** January 24

Buchanan County, Iowa

Beechy, John D. (Fannie Kurtz) Hazleton, a daughter **Katherine,** January 16

Detweiler, Allen (Mattie Raber) Hazelton, a son **William,** December 26

Schwartz, Andy J. (Ida Mullet) Fairbank, a son **Eli,** December

Chetek, Wisconsin

Miller, Henrey H. (Mary Borntrager) a son January 25

Cashton, Wisconsin

Yoder, Vernon (Elizabeth Borntrager) a son **Atlee,** January 6

Blair, Wisconsin

Wengerd, Allen (Jo Ann Hostetler) Blair, a daughter **Amanda,** January 22

Wadena, Minnesota

Mast, Andy J. (Barbara Borntreger) a daughter **Viola,** January 5

Lucknow, Ontario

Shetler, Edward (Lizzie Ann Miller) Lucknow 2, a daughter **Mary,** January 20

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ein licht auf Ps. 109:105

BAPTISMS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

January 9, West Groffdale Dist.

Aaron E., son of David L. and Bena Beiler

Holmes County, Ohio

January 16, in Wayne A. Yoder Dist.
by Bishop Dan E. Schlabach

Freda, daughter of Preacher Andrew A. and Amanda Hershberger

Aden R., son of Roy J. and Lizzie Miller

Emanuel D., son of Bishop Dan E. and Fannie Schlabach

Mary Esther, daughter of Deacon Ivan J. and Gladys Troyer

Buchanan County, Iowa

January 23, in South East Dist.
By Bishop Eli Raber

John, son of Bishop John Nisly

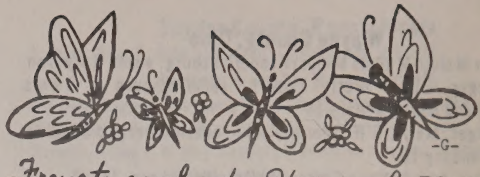
Johnson County, Iowa

January 2, by Bishop Elmer T. Miller

Virgil son of Marvin Bontrager

Daniel, son of David Gingerich

LaVerne, son of Lloyd Ropp



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MARRIAGES

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Peachy-Peachy: Noah son of Ezra Y. and Malinda (Renno) Peachy to Sylvia daughter of Jesse and Nancy (peachy) Peachy on January 20, by Bishop Emanuel Peachy.

Middlefeild Ohio.

David son of John S. C. Millers and Mary ann daughter of Mahlon J. E. Bylers married January 20, by Bishop Elmer A. Miller.

Holmes County Ohio.

Scrock-Yoder, Mark E. SON OF Emanuel E. and Sarah (Miller) Schrock, and Miriam daughter of Abe D. and Fannie (Kauffman) Yoder married January 13, 1977, by the grooms uncle Bishop Ammon J. Miller of Danville Ohio in Abe D. Yoder District near Winesburg, Ohio.

Miller- Hershberger, Aden R. son of Roy J. and Lizzie)Raber) Miller, and Freda daughter of Andrew A. and Amanda (miller) Hershberger January 27, 1977. By the brides' uncle Eli J. M. Miller in Wayne A. Yoder District near walnut creek, Ohio.

Adams County, Indiana

Byler, Girod – Andy Byler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Girod, Monroe R1, to Emma L., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Girod, Berne R1, January 16th.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Miller, Miller - Widower Urias Miller, Topeka, to Edna R. Miller, Goshen, January 20.

Lambright, Otto - widower Perry Lambright, to Anna Otto.

Elkart County Indiana.

Miller-Miller Urias U. Miller (w1ower) R2 Topeka and Edna, daughter of R,

Ethridge Tennesee

Atlee M. Miller son of Monroe's. Rebecca Zook daughter of Noah's given in marriage by Abe Miller.

Audrain County, Missouri

Yoder-Miller; Samuel son of Elmer and Edna Yoder to Fannie daughter of Joe B. and Lydia A. miller, December December 14, 1976. By bishop Ura Yoder Bowling Green, Mo.

'Bontreger-Miller, Dannie, son of Mose S. and Rachel Borntreger, to Mary daughter of Ezra J.and Edna Miller, January 20, 1977.

Johnson County Iowa.

Sanford Miller, son of Edwin Ray Millers, and Sylvia daughter of Earl Beachys are Published on Feb. 10, 1977.

Buchanan County, Iowa.

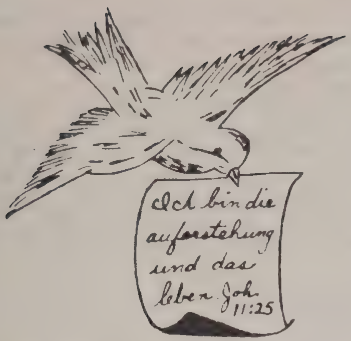
John son of Levi Nisley and Lucy daughter of Preacher Neal Lambrights were Married by Bishop John Nisley. January 13.

Tavistock, Ontario, Canada

Christian son of Enos and Ella (Peachy) Swarey married to Emma, Daughter of Henry Hertzlers. October 28, 1976.

Chesley, Ontario, Canada

Schrock Gideon A., son of Andy A. Schrock and Zook Elizabeth P. daughter of Peter J. Zook.



OBITUARIES

DIENER, Anna H., 82, Arthur, Illinois

died January 7, 1977, at the age of 82 yr., 7 mo., a daughter of Pre. Henry and Lucy (Yoder) Mast, she was born June 7, 1894, and was married December 7, 1916, to Obed Diener, who survives. They lived in matrimony 60 yr. and one month. One son, Andrew, and two grandsons preceded her in death. Surviving with the husband are three sons, six daughters, four brothers, two sisters, 51 grandchildren, and 51 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held January 10th at the home three miles south and ¾ miles east of Arthur. Burial was in Yoder Cemetery.

ESH, Stevie, one day, Gap R1, Pennsylvania

died Friday, January 21, at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. Surviving are the parents, Elmer and Anna (Smucker) Esh; four brothers, Elmer Jr., John, David, and Amos, all at home; the maternal grandparents, John and Sadie (Stoltzfoos) Smucker, Gap R1; paternal grandparents, Stephen and Sarah (Lapp) Esh, Gordonville R1; and great-grandparents, John and Annie Stoltzfoos, Bird-in-Hand R1; Mrs. Lydia Smucker, of Gordonville R1; and Mrs. Rachel Lapp, of New Holland R2.

Short funeral services were held Saturday, January 22, by Jacob Smucker, hymn by David L. Esh, hymn at graveyard by Christ Esh, abschied by Bishop Gideon King, burial at Beuna Vista Cemetery.

FISHER, David B., 86, Oxford R1, Pa.

died Saturday morning, January 1, at 5 a.m., at his home following a lengthy illness of cancer. Born in Earl Township, he was a son of the late Christian and Leah (Beiler) Fisher. Surviving are his fourth wife, Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Fisher, and four sons and three daughters, Seth Fisher and Paul Fisher of Gordonville R1, Ezra Fisher of Lititz R4, Ivan Fisher of Christiana R1, Rachel, wife of John K. Lapp of Myerstown R2, Rebecca, wife of Levi H. Fisher of Lancaster R4, and Fannie, wife of Christian Z. King of Ronks R1; a brother, Benjamin B. Fisher of Lancaster; fifty grandchildren, and fifty-four great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his first wife, Arie Lapp; his second wife, Mary Blank; his third wife, Arie Yoder, and a daughter, Mrs. Levi (Leah) Miller.

Funeral services were held at the home of his son, Ivan L. Fisher, Tuesday, January 4, at 9 a.m., by a grandson, David Lapp, and Joseph King, hymn by Samuel L. Stoltzfus, hymn at graveyard by Christ F. Fisher, abschied by David Riehl. Burial was at Fisher's Cemetery.

FREY, John D., 73, Millersburg R5, Ohio

died Sunday afternoon, January 16, at his home after a long illness. Born June 24, 1903, in LaGrange County, Indiana, he was a son of Dan D. and Mary (Miller) Frey. He was married December 3, 1929, to Lydia Raber, and was ordained bishop in 1961. Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Paul of Millersburg R4; two daughters, Mrs. Ervin (Katie) Hershberger of Big Prairie R1, and Mrs. Junior (Fannie) Burkholder of the home; 17 grandchildren; a brother, Joe D. Frey of Shipshewana, Indiana; and a sister, Mrs. John (Anna) Beechy of LaGrange County, Indiana. He was preceded in death by one daughter, one brother, and three sisters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 19, at the home by Bishop William J. Troyer. Burial was in Locust Hill Cemetery, Salt Creek Township.

GRABER, Lillie (Miller), 52, Grabill R.R., Indiana

died Wednesday, January 19, of cancer, had to have around 180 oxygen tanks used in the last few months of her life. Surviving are her husband, Joseph Graber; two sons, David and Noah of Spencerville, and five daughters, Mrs. Joe (Mary) Lengacher, Mrs. Wilmer (Betty) Graber, and Lucy, Ruth, and Sarah of the home.

Funeral services in the home were held by Bishop Sam J. Graber, and in building across the road by Pre. Menno Hilty. Burial was in Amish Cemetery, at Grabill, Indiana.

HELMUTH, Robert Wm., 12 days, Arthur, Illinois

son of Glen and Roseanna (Herschberger) Helmuth, was born December 19, 1976, and died January 1st, at the age of twelve days. Surviving are the parents; grandparents, Toby Herschberger's and Albert Helmuth's; great-grandparents, Jacob E. Herschberger's, Min. Wm. Miller's, David J. Helmuth's, and Mrs. Dan (Annie) Chupp.

Funeral services were held at the home of Jacob Chupp's by Bishop Amos D. Otto and Bishop Henry Miller. Burial was in Otto Cemetery.

KING, Fannie S., 4 mo., Quarryville R3

died Thursday, January 27, at home, at the age of four months and five days. Surviving are the parents, Benjamin E. and Lizzie (Stoltzfoos) King, Quarryville R3; these brothers and sisters, David, John, Malinda, Sadie, Sarah, Bennie, and Lizzie; the maternal grandparents, John and Malinda (Esh) Stoltzfoos, Ronks R1; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah (Esh) King, Gordonville R1; and paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Annie (Petersheim) Esh, Ronks R1

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday, January 29, by John S. Glick, Samuel Kauffman, and Jacob L. Stoltzfus. Burial was in the Georgetown Cemetery.

KING, Malinda S., 22, Honey Brook R2, Penna.

died of natural causes Wednesday, January 12, at 8:25 p.m. at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. Born in Honey Brook Township, she was a daughter of John E. and Miriam S. (Stoltzfus) King. In addition to her parents, she is survived by the following brothers and sisters, Esther, wife of Jacob B. King, Honey Brook R2; Susie, wife of Joseph E. Blank, Gap R1; Aaron, Levi, Daniel, Lydia, and Katie, all at home; maternal grandfather, Levi E. Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, and paternal grandfather, Aaron L. King, of Honey Brook R2.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 14, by Pre. Amos Beiler and Bishop Elam Kauffman, hymn at house by Amos L. Stoltzfus, at graveyard by Levi Kauffman, abschied by Levi Riehl, burial was in Stoltzfus Cemetery.

LAMBRIGHT, Joseph S., 79, Topeka, Indiana

died Monday, January 17, in his home. He was born in Reno County, Kansas, September 22, 1897, and was married January 14, 1918, to Barbara C. Hochstetler, who survives. Also surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Joe (Sarah) Yoder of LaGrange, Alma Slaubaugh and Mrs. Cletus (Susie Ellen) Yoder, both of Topeka, Mrs. Jake (Celesta) Mast and Mrs. Albert (Lydia Mae) Miller, both of Ligonier, and Mrs. Robert (Katie) Biggs of Westfield, New Jersey; two sons, Levi of Ligonier and William Ernest of Stone Mountain, Georgia; 38 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; three brothers, William of Topeka, Menno of Goshen, and Harry of St. Petersburg, Florida; and five sisters, Mrs. Sarah Eash of Topeka, Mrs. Menno (Lizzie) Schrock of Goshen, Mrs. Abe (Leah) Mast and Mrs. Levi (Susie) Eash, both of Ligonier, and Mrs. Rosa Bontrager of Shipshewana.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the Orla Troyer residence in Topeka, by Bishop Calvin Lambright and Pre. Elmer C. Miller. Burial was in the Hawpatch Cemetery.

LEE, Daniel N., 73, Meyersdale R1, Penna.

died December 29 at his home in Summit Township. He was born March 3, 1903, in Summit Township, a son of Noah J. and Matilda (Yoder) Lee. He is survived by his wife, Lavina M., and eight sons, Albert D., Edwin D., and John D., all of New Wilmington R1; Henry D., New Castle; Gideon D., St. Mary's, Md.; Simon D., Spartansburg, Pa.; Enos D., Westby, Wis.; Levi D., Conneaut Lake, Pa.; six daughters, Mrs. Lydia Coblentz, Wroxeter, Ontario; Mrs. Matilda Nissley, Fisherville, Va.; Mrs. Bertha Mast, Marietta, Ohio; Mrs. Lena Byler, New Wilmington; Mrs. Betty Mast, Volant, Pa.; and Mrs. Nancy Zook, Meyersdale R1; step-children, Mrs. Molly Troyer, New Wilmington, Mrs. Elizabeth Mast and David Hostetler, both of Grantsville; 115 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Fannie Summy, Grantsville; Mrs. Iva Hostetler, Dry Run, Pa.; and Mrs. Lizzie Peachy, Belleville; and three brothers, Albert Lee and Milton Lee, both of Bowling Green, Missouri; and John Lee, Newburg, Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 1, at 10 a.m. at Niverton, by Norman Swartzentruber and Simon Swartzentruber of Dover, Delaware. Burial was in Niverton Cemetery.

MAST, Katie (Schlabach), 89, Kalona, Iowa

died Sunday, January 30, at the home of her daughter, the Edw. F. Millers. She was born Dec. 23, 1889. Her husband, Menno Mast, preceded her in death nine years ago, also one son. Surviving are three daughters and one son, Mrs. Edw. F. Miller, Mrs. Mark Hershberger, and David and Esther, both of Kalona.

Funeral services were held on February 1st, at Mark Hershbergers.

MILLER, Mrs. Emma, 53, Orrville R3, Ohio

died at Doctor's Hospital in Massillon Saturday, December 25, from a stroke. She was born July 4, 1923, to Ben and Lizzie (Miller) Raber and was married April 22, 1943, to Yost A. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Ben, Andy, and Atlee, all of Orrville R3; her father and stepmother, Ben and Fannie Raber of Orrville R3; four brothers, Atlee of Orrville R3, John of Conneautville, Pa., Eli, address unknown, and Henry of Massillon, and 13 grandchildren. Her mother, a brother, and a sister died previously.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 29, by Bishop Roman S. Yoder. Burial was in the Erb Cemetery.

PEACHEY, Albert Lee, 6 years, Juniata Co., Pa.

died at his home Sunday, January 16, following a lingering illness, at the age of 6 years and 26 days. A son of Ezra E. and Ada (Hostetler) Peachey, he was born December 21, 1970, at Tacoma Park, Maryland, while his father was in I W service there. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, and grandparents, Enos D. Peacheys and Dan A. Hostetlers of Belleville, Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held by Adam Byler and Abie Renno. Burial was in Amish VanWert Cemetery.

SCHMUCKER, David W., 1 mo., Topeka R2, Ind.

died Friday Morning, December 31, in the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Born November 30, 1976, in LaGrange, he was a son of William and Amanda (Yoder) Schmucker. Surviving with the parents are two brothers, Abraham and John, two sisters, Fannie and Susie, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Schmucker of LaGrange and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Yoder of Topeka.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the family home by Bishop Cornelius Yoder. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Gideon M., 78, Narvon R2, Pa.

died Thursday, January 6, at his home after a lengthy illness. He had diabetes for a number of years and hardening of the arteries. Born in Salisbury Township, he was a son of the late Gideon K. and Sarah (Mast) Stoltzfus. He was ordained minister in

1940 and bishop in 1955. Surviving are his widow, Katie L. Stoltzfus, and these sons and daughters, Omar F., Gap R2; David L., Narvon R2; Aaron E. and Gideon K., both of Bird-in-Hand R1; Emanuel S., Minor Hills, Tenn.; Sarah, wife of Elmer B. Fisher, Ronks R1; Samuel J., Narvon R2; Jonathan F., Goshen, Ind., and Hannah, wife of Jonathan S. King, Gordonville R1; 63 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and two step-sisters, Mrs. Salina Stoltzfus, age 104, of Lancaster and Sarah Zook of Path Valley. A son, Levi M., died at 44 years of age.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 8, by Bishop John M. Beiler and Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus, hymn read by Amos E. King, burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Henry U., 91, Gap R1, Pa.
died Tuesday, January 4, at Lancaster General Hospital. He was a healthy old man but suffered a heart attack five days before he died. He lived at his home farm until five years ago when he had a gland operation and went to live with his daughter, Barbara, the Christ Flauds. He kept himself active, took walks and went to church regularly, had his right mind to the last. Born in Salisbury Township, he was a son of the late Stephen and Leah (Umble) Stoltzfus. His wife, Lizzie B. Stoltzfus, died in 1969. He is survived by five children, David S. Stoltzfus; Rebecca, wife of Samuel E. Fisher, Barbara, wife of Christ U. Flaud; Steven K. Stoltzfus, all of Gap R1; and Levi U. Stoltzfus of Gap; 27 grandchildren; 87 great-grandchildren; and 25 step-great-grandchildren. He was the last of his immediate family.

Funeral services were held at the home farm by Mose Stoltzfus. Burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

Dawdy, we hope you found sweet rest
From long years of toil on earth;
You lived a full life, you did your share;
May we meet again in Heaven fair.

STOLTZFUS, Mary R., 60, Strasburg R1, Pa.
died Monday, January 24, at 6:30 a.m. at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fannie Lantz, with whom she resided since she became ill one year ago. She formerly lived in Leola, and had been employed for 13 years as a clerk in Kurtz's Store, Leola, until her illness. Born in Upper Leacock Township, she was a daughter of the late David B. and Rachel (Riehl) Stoltzfus. Besides her sister, Fannie, she is survived by three brothers, Henry R., Leola R1; Aquilla R., Gordonville, and Menno K., Gordonville R1.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 26, at 11 a.m. at the Aquilla Lantz residence. Burial was in Myers Cemetery.

SWARTZENTRUBER, Mary N., 44, Dover, Dela.
died January 20, at the age of 44 yr., 8 mo., and 7 days. Born May 13, 1932, she was a daughter of Pre. Norman C. and Esther (Schlabach) Swartzentruber. Mary had a brain hemorrhage on January 10th, was rushed to the Dover Hospital unconscious, and from there to the Del. Divi. Hospital in Wilmington where she passed away ten days later without gaining consciousness. Surviving are her parents of Dover R2, one sister, Mrs. Lewis (Anna) Swartzentruber, and two brothers, Eli and Pre. Simon.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 23, at the home by Bishop Jonas Coblentz and Milton Kinsinger of Virginia, and at the Roman Troyer home by Pre. Wm. D. Beachy and Pre. Levi Troyer of Canada.

YODER, Albert U., 84, Grantsville R1, Md.
died Thursday, January 6, at his home. Born November 22, 1892, in Grantsville, he was a son of the late Urias D. and Katie (Brenneman) Yoder. He is survived by his wife, Sadie; five sons, Pete A., Bennie A., Wilmer A., all of Salisbury R1; Clarence A., of Springs, and Lewis A., of Guthrie, Kentucky; four daughters, Mrs. Elmer (Vernie) Beachy and Mrs. Noah (Annie) Peachey, both of Oakland, Md., Mrs. Joseph (Emma) Slabaugh, of Grantsville R1, and Mrs. David (Effie) Beachy, of Salisbury R1; 54 grandchildren and 77 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 9, at Niverton by Simon L. Yoder. Burial was in Niverton Cemetery.

COMMUNITY NOTE –Anabel, Missouri

Mrs. Neal (Susie) Borntrager, 69, had half of her foot amputated because her foot would not heal after her toe was taken off. She is at home since January 10th and the foot is healing very slowly.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Clark, Missouri

Mrs. Eli (Barbara Gingerich) Shetler was admitted to the University Hospital due to a ruptured appendix. She had surgery and was quite sick, spent ten or twelve days in the hospital and was dismissed January 29th.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Wadena, Minnesota

Vernon, son of Amos and Alma Mast, went to the hospital on January 5th and had an operation for appendicitis. He is at home and getting along as well as can be expected.

John Mast stepped in a nail December 24th and received a very sore foot. He was in the hospital for blood poisoning and they took one of his toes off.

COMMUNITY NOTE – LaGrange Co., Indiana

Perry D. Eash of Howe R3 is gaining after major surgery in December. He had been laid up all summer and fall, but is now gaining some of the twenty pounds he had lost due to abscessed colon. He is married to Esther, daughter of the late John A. Miller's of Nappanee, Indiana.

MIGRATIONS

Clarence and Treva (Bender) Yoder moved from Garnett, Kansas to Spencer, Wisconsin.

Melvin Bontrager's moved from Kalona, Iowa, to Hicksville, Ohio, December 6th.

Henry Byler's moved from Wroxeter, Ontario, to Cochranton, Pennsylvania, August 24th.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

There is no doubt that the month was one of the coldest on record. We had continued cold with a low of 7 degrees on the 17 and a high of 50 on the 28, but only for a few hours as the temperature dropped to 1 degree by the next morning. The total precipitation was 1 inch of rain and 8 inches of snow. The frost is deep, from 18 inches to over 2 feet. Many people had frozen water pipes, some that never were frozen before.

There is not much corn shredding being done due to the cold weather, and there is still a good bit out to be done when the weather moderates. The ground is in good condition to haul manure, also nice to cut wood.

Several ice storms made for slippery roads and walks. We had no January thaw this winter.

Ground hog day yesterday, was clear and cold. Hog prices are up in the lower forties. I don't know if its the actual market price or just a temperature rise due to extreme weather affecting shipments from the west. Feed is up again, milk is lower, eggs higher, and beef is steady.

St Marys County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

The cold for sunny southern Maryland continues. This is the coldest winter anyone around here can remember. Fourteen mornings the temperature was 10 or less. All the others were under freezing but one. January 16 it snowed nicely most of the day. That evening it got windy and went to 0 by 9:00, 5 below the next morning, and 3 below the next. A lot of underground water pipes are frozen in the neighborhood. January 28 was very nice in PM with temperature around 46 till 4:00. By 8:00 it was 13 and very windy with snow flurries. The next morning it was 4 above. We also have much ice on the ground since January 14 when it rained most of the day and then froze. Egg prices are up again.

Lancaster Co., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Weather for January was continued cold with snow on the ground since Christmas. Monday the 17, the temperature was from 4 to 8 below 0 and high winds. Tuesday the 18, reports were from 4 to 20 below 0. Friday evening the 27, we had a 40 degree drop in temperature down to 0, with a light snow and 67 mile per hour winds, drifting and closing roads. Governor Shapp closed schools and factories for 3 days because of fuel shortage. Market report: Choice cattle $40.00 to $44.75 cwt.; feeder cattle $28.00 to $38.00 cwt.; veal choice $63.00 to$82.00 cwt.; fat hogs$40.00 to $45.00 cwt.; 40 lb. feeder pigs $.63 to $.75 per lb.; dairy cows at New Holland sold at $470.00 to $840.00; good mules bring $2500.00 to over $3000.00 a pair; potatoes retail at $6.00 cwt.; corn $60.00 to $75.00 a ton and $2.60 a bu.; wheat $2.80 a bu.; barley $2.25 a bu.; oats $1.80 a bu.; hay $60.00 to $109.00 a ton; straw $60.00 to $91.00 a ton; corn fodder $48.00 to $53.00 a ton; large eggs $.86 a doz., medium $.82 a doz.; heavy hen fowl $.25 a lb.; roasters $.42 a lb.; ducks $.42 to .45 a lb.; drake $.72 to .75 a lb.; rabbits $.70 a lb.

by Phares Z. Stoltzfus

Brrr, its cold! were everyday words for January 1977. We had about 6 inches of snow on the 7 and about one foot total for the month. Almost none was melted by the 31. There was hardly any rain in the Ronks area, but in southern Lancaster County they had somewhat more. The lowest report from Ronks area was 18 below zero. The cold just keeps staying and soaking down like it was seldom seen in Lancaster County. The ice on the river is quite thick, and people fear heavy damage if it breaks up quick. We had only a few days that the temperature was above freezing and many mornings below 10 degrees and below 0. Reports are we had the coldest January during the last century. Many frozen and bursted water pipes that never were before.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

January in general was cold with our lowest around 10 below zero with a strong wind. There was very little thawing during the entire month. A lot of the farmers had frozen water pipes in the stables and also quite a few underground pipes going from house to barn were frozen shut. We had approx. 22 inches of snow for the month, which came mostly in small amounts at a time. According to the winter which we were having so far it sounds like the good old fashioned times are coming back again.

Clinton County, Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Beiler

January was cold, the first day of the year was very cold with high winds. We had some snow, it snowed several inches at a time, then it was windy so some places are almost bare, and other places there are some good sized drifts. The 17 was the coldest day with 16 degrees below zero at some places and high winds. We had a lot of sunshine and wind,some people had frozen water pipes.

Center County, Pennsylvania, by Henry M. Glick

The month of January is a month to remember with its severe cold weather. Fifteen days out of the month we had snow or snow flurries. Temperatures varied from 25 to 5 above in day time and from 12 to 11 below at night. The best way to describe it would be to call it cold. There were a lot of frozen pipes and some frozen down 36 inches deep. Manure hauling came to a halt the latter part of the month because of strong winds and deep drifts. Some places the snow is 3 feet deep and other spots it is 6 inches deep. The chill factor was reported to be 65 below on the 17. Diesels were hard to start because of fuel being jelled up in the fuel line from the cold.

Center Co., Brush Valley, Pa., by David B. Stoltzfus

January 1977 will likely be long remembered as an unusually cold winter month. The temperature barely reached the freezing mark at all, and dipped to 10 below or colder six times; the coldest being 20 below. On the 18 the daytime high temperature was zero, but the 29 was considered colder due to the wind, the temperature ranging from 12 below to 5 above. For 2 hours beginning at 3 P.M., January 28, we had all the indications of a blizzard. Those caught on the road could not see the yellow lines at times due to the snow blowing. It was the beginning of a 3 day cold snap with strong winds. In the first half of the month we had occassional 3 inch snowfalls and that snow is still blowing into lanes, roads, etc., so that the roads are being plowed nearly every day. Some folks have considerable problems with their water lines being frozen. Several dairy farmers have to haul their water for their stock, while others have spent considerable time opening or keeping their lines open. Usually the lines are not deep enough underground. The insides of silos are looking dangerous with walls of frozen sileage up to 15 feet high and 2 feet thick.

There are reports of fuel being in short supply in parts of the state and in the midwest due to high consumption and transportation problems because of the rivers being frozen. Public and private schools were closed 3 days to save fuel and many industries are shut down. The local feedmill is limiting soybean meal sales because the supplies in the west do not have the fuel to process the soybeans resulting in limited supplies.

Snyder County, Pennsylvania, by Sam M. Troyer

The news reports unusually cold weather. Twice we had 10 degrees on this hill, while down in the hollows they had 15. The average morning temperature for the last 31 mornings is 10.03 degrees. It was above freezing only a few times. One of our wells is dry and the stock has to go down to the spring to drink. There is aprox. 6 to 8 inches of snow on the ground. The ice on still water is up to 18 inches thick in places. I don't think the peach buds are killed yet, though.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania, by David Y. Renno

The weather here was cold and frozen all month. Nighttime temperatures averaged near zero all month going to 10 below several times and seldom went up to freezing during the day anytime. The low teens was usually the highest. We've had very little snow all winter, but what we got stayed with us. Its been windy almost all month, putting the chill factor down to 30 and 40 degrees below zero at times

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, by Catherine M. Swarey

January was the month with the old fashioned winter. It was cold the entire month, and stormy, windy, or breezy most of the time. We had a few calm days. We didn't have so much snow but most of it blew in drifts closing the roads once, then again and again.

Some people had frostbitten fingers, faces, and ears. The lowest temperature was 10 to 18 degrees below zero. The highest was 30 degrees. We had one nich warm sunny day. On January 28 a very sudden blizzard came up which made driving very hazardous. There were quite a few accidents and some school children didn't get home until 2 hours after dark. The temperature dropped from 20 to 2 degrees below in a few hours

Perry County, Pennsylvania, by Elmer F. Fisher

The cold weather prevails, for the month of January the weather has been cold and windy with light snow falls off an on. We had snow on the ground since Christmas night. The coldest here has been 7 below zero with high winds. We've been hearing reports that the chill factor reading was at 55 degrees below. A few mornings the temperature was zero and very few days did it go over 32 degrees during the day.

Path Valley, Pennsylvania, by Daniel Z. Beiler

The month of January was the coldest I can remember, with not much thawing all month. Temperature readings as low as 18 below were reported. There were a low of zero or below mornings and in the 20's during the day. We have about 6 to 8 inches of snow and a lot of windy weather, however, the snow is crusted enough to keep it from blowing much. Farmers are hauling manure and cutting wood etc.

Franklin County, Pennsylvania, by Jacob E. Flaud

The month of January was real cold. We had very little thawing all through the month. It was down to 12 below on several mornings and windy. Alot of people have problems with pipes freezing in the ground. On the evening of the 28 we had a real blizzard. The temperature was up to 40 degrees in the afternoon, and it dropped 25 degrees in about one hour. Visibility was poor, and there were a lot of accidents on the roads.

Adams County, Pennsylvania, by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

The first month of the year was reported to be the coldest in Gettysburg since 1918. The coldest was 6 below zero January 17, with a wind chill factor reported of 50 degrees below zero, there were also 3 other days with below zero readings. There were 6 days with temperature above the freezing mark. The warmest day of the month was on Friday, January 28, with 40 degrees in the afternoon-just before high winds of 70 miles per hour and blowing snow sent the mercury diving back to near zero in a short time. On Saturday morning the mercury was at the zero mark and the wind blowing from the northwest making the wind chill factor equivalant of 40 degrees below zero. Precipitation this month totaled 1.53 inches and most of it came in the form of snow. Measurable amounts of snow fell on 4 days and totaled 10.5 inches. Men folks have been favored with weather to keep the manure hauled. But some had plenty of trouble with frozen water pipes, or the diesel fuel jelled which made motors hard to start. Also getting done late with the milking as their vaccum lines had frozen shut etc. The ground has been covered with snow since Christmas evening. We missed one day of school due to unfavorable weather, while public schools missed more due to fuel shortage.

Somerset County, by Abe S. Kinsinger

The weather through January continues to be cold, snowy and windy. Our low temperature was 18 to 20 below zero and our highest was on Friday the 28 when we had 42 degrees at about noon, but by 9:00 in the evening it was 7 below and windy. The wind blew the already high walls along the roads level full again. No mail or milktrucks went on Saturday or Sunday so people had their cans and other containers filled with milk. Public schools are not having school because of cold and also shortage of heating fuel.

Crawford County, Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Fisher

We will not very soon forget January 1977. Because we had the coldest, snowiest, most severe weather any young or middleaged person can remember of. It snowed every day except on the 5 and 27. We had 2 severe blizzards, the first on January 17, temperature went down to 18 below, chill factor at 50 below. The next one January 28 to 29. It was 18 below zero again, but the wind was even stronger than the first storm, making it very hard to keep houses and barns warm. Some farmers spent all day in the barn just to keep the water pipes thawed out. Many pipes froze that were never frozen before.

Total snowfall for the month was 46 inches, 2.15 inches of rain and melted snow. The lowest Temperature was 18 below zero, highest - 26 above, average - 15 above. Compared to January 1976, when we had 37 inches of snow, 4 inches of rain and melted snow. The lowest temperature - 18 below zero, highest - 44 above, average 30. These figures are recorded each day by Mose Schlabach.

Children are missing a lot of school, milkmen have a hard time, but managed to keep the milk picked up. Wood is very hard to get at to cut, so some coal is being burned.

Cochranton, Pennsylvania, by Fannie Bontrager

We had lots of snow this winter-over eighty inches to date. We had two blizzards in January, one in the beginning of the second week and the other the beginning of the third week. The temperature has not been over 30 degrees and was as low as 14 degrees below. The snow is between two and three feet deep.

Norfolk, New York, by Jerry T. Schwartz

This seems to be one of those old fashioned hard winters the old timers used to tell us about. The coldest for January was 33 below on the evening of the 17. On the 10 we had high winds from the east all day with the temperature at 2 below, and the next day we had high winds from the west at 2 below. So far we didn't get much snow at a time, but now it adds up to about knee high in the woods.

Middlefield, Ohio, by Mrs. Eli Wengerd

We have had unusually cold weather with little sunshine and much snow. With quite a few mornings 18 to 20 degrees below and not warming up very much during the day. Many roads are closed with no school or mail going for the last week.

Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary B. Yoder

January was unusually cold with a lot of snow, and most of the time it was around zero. January 15 and 16 was the coldest with as low as 21 below zero and windy. A lot of roads were closed with no school or mail the 16 and milk trucks were late. The snow totals around 15 inches, and of course high snow banks at places. Some people are low in water or the pipes are frozen that they can't get any.

Holmes County, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

We are having a beautiful old fashioned cold winter. This month has lots and lots of deep snow with some real strong blizzards, high drifts, and lots of closed roads. Lots of times the temperature was below and around zero. It snowed most of the days in January with a low of 18 degrees below to a high of 32. We have a lot of frozen pipes, and lots of people have to haul water for their livestock. It takes a lot of wood and coal to keep the houses warm this winter. The road crews are at work every day.

South Eastern, by John L. Yoder

Our first month of 1977 brought along real winter weather, with the coldest being 24 below. The severest snow blizzard being the last Friday of the month. The roads wère closed and opened several times already. Road crews are having a full time job. Water pipes are freezing and some springs are slowly causing a water shortage. Some people have to haul water and some water their cattle at creeks and ponds. There's not much change in hog and cattle prices, with the exception of dairy cattle bringing good prices.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

Snow and more snow for January with quite a bit of wind which caused quite a few snow banks around the buildings. Lots of roads have blown shut with snow. Road men try their best to keep the roads open. They had been on the road day and night with the road equipment at times, and still at places they could not keep it open. Friday, January 28, the temperature droped 20 degrees to near zero in a short time. We had what I called a blizzard snow, and strong wind. By noon roads were closed again, but were mostly open again by Monday morning. Stores closed at noon Friday in Sugar Creek as some were nearly sold out anyway because of delivery trucks not being able to make their routes. Workmen started for home in the middle of the forenoon. School children went home but kept hand hold so as not to loose anyone. Buggys blew over and one man's hat blew off and was out of sight right away as you could not see very far. The 1977 crops are going fast in this cold weather. We had lots of zero weather in January, with the lowest being 24 degrees below zero.

Western Holmes County, by Monroe A. Weaver

Perhaps the main subject about everywhere is cold and snow. Our average morning temperature for January was 6 degrees. 13 days we had subzero weather, 20 degrees being the coldest. In low places they had 25 below. We had some 50 hour continued subzero weather. Plenty of snow, and mostly windy at times with blizzards, winds 90½ of the time from the south west. They claim a cold record for this century.

Many factories, schools, and stores are closed due to weather and gas shortages. They are forced to have lower heat temperatures when open.

Perhaps the barns have a record amount of manure in them. This also helps to keep them warmer. This is Tuesday noon, we had no mail service since last Wednessday. Hogs sell high on blizzard days, at the community sales.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

January has been unusually cold. We had 13 days of zero and below. On January 17 we had 20 degrees zero. On January 27 and 28 we had a snow blizzard with a strong wind causing drifts as high as fences. Roads were closed for 3 days. Schools were in session only 13 days during January.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

This has been the coldest January in the 6 years that we live up here. Also quite stormy with high winds at times. Temperatures were below zero quite often and down to 24 below one morning. We have about 20 inches of snow on the level. It is getting to be difficult to work in the woods or spread manure because of the snow. Through all this our faithful mailman didn't miss one day.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

For the month of January, the weather was cold with below normal temperatures and a low of 20 below and a high of 30 one day, with snow flurries almost every day. We had snow blizzards on the 27 - 29, with 8 days of no school. Some water lines are frozen. The farmers in this area are leasing their land to the oil and gas companies for 10 years at $1.00 per acre. There was no rain in the area since October of 1976. We filled our ice house on January 4, ice was 12 inches thick on the pond.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

The month came in as a lion, and went out like a lion, and quite a few lions in between. The temperature hovered around zero many a day with strong winds and many drifts. The snowfall was only average. The warmest for the month was 33 degrees, and the coldest according to the official report was about 18 below.

As usual those who use oil for heating are complaining they couldn't keep warm, besides being asked by the government to turn the heat down to 65 degrees, a probable fuel shortage.

We wood burners could at least get the one side warm. If we kept turning we made out all right.

Branch County, Michigan, by Mrs. Noah N. Schwartz

Such a cold and snowy month of January. On more than half of the days we had below zero weather. We had 9 sunny days but the sun did not warm much. On the 28 we had 55 mile an hour wind and the chill factor was 80 below zero. The wind lasted for 3 days. Roads were shut with schools closed.

Centreville, Michigan

January of 1977 out did it. It was from 30 to 20 below, with snow as high as the washlines. It snowed some about every day with a lot of windy days. Fat hogs were $41.50.

Adams County, ndiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

January 1977 was the coldest in history and is the month that people will be talking about, even 50 years from now. Records of all kinds were broken during the month. In the past 68 years, there have been many Januarys when the temperature never dropped to zero or below. The continued cold during the month brought the average reading down to 9.9 degrees. The lowest temperature, a mighty cold was 19 below on the 17. There were 11.8 inches of snow, and winds of 15 miles per hour or more caused considerable drifting and during the past month there were 9 days on which the wind speed exceeded 30 miles per hour. Heating costs were much higher and were also adversly affected by the wind speeds. During the past month the chill factor was equivalent of 72 degrees below and that is cold! During the month of January on .78 of moisture fell and that all came by snow. There were no rainy days and that is the only time in 68 years that there wasn't any rain in January.

Statistics: High - 30 on the 4th, low - 19 on the 17th, average temperature 99 degrees, precipitation - .78 of an inch, snowfall - 11.8 inches There were 11 clear days, 13 partly cloudy days, 7 cloudy days, no rainy days and no thunderstorms.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Esh

January's weather is a 4 letter word COLD! January 1 & 2 were not so cold with snow and some zero mornings until on Sunday, January 16 we woke up to cold houses, because of 15 to 18 below zero with quite a wind. This suddenly cancelled many plans for it was not above zero all day. It was about the same Monday morning, but the wind had gone down, making it more pleasant. Schools and some businesses were closed, while others make it to work. Needless to say, many men were thawing pipes etc. On Thursday things were more normal, and the above zero weather was welcome. The afternoon of the 26 it started to snow and drift and workers left work early. Roads were drifting and the wind was blowing, and visibility was poor. But we're home praising God for the many blessings of home and comforts. Throat infections, flu and colds are numerous.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

January was a very cold and windy month with quite a lot of snow, causing big drifts and closing roads for a few days. We had 3 days of 16 - 18 below zero. On the morning of the 28 it dropped 20 degrees in 2 hours and didn't go above zero the rest of the day. It was the first time that I know of that our church services couldn't be held as planned because of drifted roads.

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

New Years day was snowy and cold. The 5 was snow and 10 degrees above, 6 snow and 18 above, 9 zero temperature and snowing and really windy. The 10 and 11 the roads were so bad that the schools and a lot of factories were closed. It was 14 below and windy. The 13 it was misty and foggy, and 28 degrees, the 16 was 20 degrees below, windy and warming up to 10 below during the day with a strong west wind. The 17 schools were closed, the 23 it warmed up some and was sunny. The 25 snow and colder, seems we just have snow and wind and zero weather day after day, with roads closed, no milk pickups. Farmers hardly knew what to do with their milk, and one grocery store we heard was completely out of milk. No mail deliveries on the 28 and 29, and the 31 just where they could get through. There is a gas shortage so some town schools have closed down one week, factories only work part time due to the gas situation. Not too much manure is being hauled due to the deep snow.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The month of January has been unusually cold, with a lot of wind and snow drifts. Schools were closed at times as roads were impassable, the longest at any one time was 5 days. We had 15 mornings of zero and below temperature readings, our coldest was 26 below on the 17 between 4 and 5 o'clock A.M. and 4 different days the temperature didn't go above zero all day. There was usually some wind with it and some days it was strong. Not one day all through January did the temperature go above 31 degrees. We had only around 5 inches of snow in the month, but the Goshen weather station reports we had 11 inches left over from December, and that, along with the strong winds we had caused the much drifting. Several days the air was so full of snow from blowing that it looked like a heavy fog and it was impossible to see our close neighbors. It reminded me of the dust storms we used to have in Oklahoma when I was yet a boy living out there with my parents, only the color was different.

January wasn't all bad, we had 15 days of all day sunshine, and only 5 all cloudy ones. Snow banks up to 6 to 8 feet high along State Road 19 are not uncommon, they got to high for the snow plows to plow the snow out anymore. They then brought in heavy earth moving machines with front end scoops, and scooped it out over the banks in many places. We had no rain. It seems to be taking quite a bit more feed for livestock than usual. Cutting wood is getting to be quite a problem with so much snow blowing into the woods, and it takes more coal and fuel oil too.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Ivan J. Gingerich

January started fairly moderate with some snow on the ground. The 9 we received our first indication of becoming snowbound with temperature around zero. The 16 proved to be our coldest day with themperature at 20 below and a strong wind causing some roads to be impassable with cars, but buggies could still get through. Temperature remained mostly below zero then till the 23. The 26 we had a blinding snow storm, but on the 28 we had an all day blizzard putting traffic to a standstill. Snow plows had already piled it 5 feet high in some places before this blizzard, so a lot of people were snowbound for 3 days. Large payloaders with 2 ton scoops had to be used to clear badly drifted roads. It found many people low in fuel and food causing many to cut across rough fields for help.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

January has been winterlike. The temperature on the 1 was 2 below with 2 or 3 inches of snow with wind to blow it in drifts. On the 10 it was 10 below and some wind and snow so that the snow plows were kept busy. The 16 it was 20 below, the 17 it was 24 below, and the 28 it was 8 below in the morning and lots of snow blowing and by noon it was still 2 below. The snow plows have been going quite a bit during the night and a lot of snow fell that day, although the sun peeked out a few times. There were several days we had no mail and no school. We had some frozen pipes. February 1 was just zero and a nich clear sunrise. The last 2 times in our church we had rather small attendance because of drifted roads.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

We had severe winter weather for this part of the country, with snow and cold weather all month. Many water pipes are frozen and ice on ponds is reported 12 inches thich, which was just unheard of around here. The coldest was 14 below but we didn't mind that as much as zero and wind of which we had plenty. Farmers are hauling manure, cutting wood and butchering. Market prices: Beans$7.00, wheat$2.50.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

It was probably some colder than the average January, with a low of 3 below and a high of 50 degrees. We had nearly 3 inches of rain fall, and 7 or 8 skiffs of snow with unusual steady cold. Wood cutting and hauling manure are probably about the main work. Some building is being done as weather permits. There is probably 8 or 10 inches of frost in the ground, and it is said to be the coldest winter on record for Tennessee. Hay prices are high;feeder pigs may still be on the upward trend.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

I guess our story is about the same as all the rest; cold and some snow, some reported as low as 20 degrees below. The past week the weather has moderated and snow is leaving fast.

A lot of farmers are running low in hay, as they are not able to get to winter pasture as usual. There have been quite a few reports of cattle breaking through the ice on farm ponds, during our thawing periods.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

We've had very nice winter weather through January, but its colder than average years. The temperature went above freezing 3 or 4 different days, and below zero 12 mornings, the coldest being 18 below the 16. There is snow on the ground since December 28. Some folks have trouble with frozen water pipes, and a lot of ponds, which are depended on for watering livestock, are quite low at present. Good alfalfa hay sells for up to $2.00 a bale. Shelled corn costs us about $2.60 a bu. at elevator. Grade C. milk brings $8.25 cwt. for 3.5 tests.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

January was a cold, cold month, with quite a bit of snow, 10 inches at the deepest. We had a bad snowstorm on the 9, with the temperature droping all the time we were at church. Then 12 below the next morning.

The temperature ranged from 25 below to 40 above, but not much thawing. The ice on the pond was 8 inches through on the 26.

Some of the natives that run their milk cows outside had some cows tits frozen. This cold weather takes lots more hay, which is making hay very high priced, from $1.50 to $2.25 a bale, and some not even good hay. There were some days that they couldn't have school, or the regular livestock sales.

Pike County, Missouri, by George D. Yoder

December and January have been winterlike with a few nice days, but mostly colder than normal. Many zero and subzero mornings and a few days not much above zero all day. We had no rain, but about 10 - 12 inches snow on the ground, it also drifted some. We had no mail service on January 28. Many put up ice, some up to 12 inches thick. It was an unusual cold winter.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

January was the coldest on record since the beginning of the 1900's, with a lot of unusually subzero weather. The coldest was 20 below on the 16, with some wind. We received 7 inches of snow on the 4, and 2 1/2 inches the 9. We had light snows off and on the rest of the month, having over 12 inches snow on the level. A lot of roads are open to only one lane traffic. The snow has melted some the last of the month. Many people are buying water because wells and cisterns give out.

Audrian County, Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

Cold winter weather would describe the month of January, the first was 10 below zero and the last 6 below. The average temperature must not have been very much above zero. The low was 20 below several times and the high was 38 on the 27 with a 50 degree drop overnight. Also we are having quite a bit of snow and high winds, closing roads, some were impassable for a week.

Reno County, Haven, Kansas, by Mrs. E. E. Schrock

We had a cold January, temperature being below zero quite often. We had 10 snows during the month. Temperature from 2 below to 55 above are records of the Hutchinson Daily News. We had a few warmer days, which sure thawed a lot of snow. Some roads were impassable from snow drifts. It sounds like there is a gas shortage for heating over the eastern states. Luckily we burn wood to heat the house.

Reno County, Kansas, by Edward A. Mast

January was a little colder than average. The coldest being about 7 degrees and windy on the 9. We also had 3 to 4 inches of snow, but most of it was blown into the tree rows and road ditches. So the fields are still dry. Even in zero weather the fields are loose and dusty.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

January only had 15 days of sunshine. There were 16 days when the high temperature was 32 degrees or lower and eight days when the temperature was zero or below. Temperatures were unusually cold as well as an unusual amount of snow. There was snow on the ground every day of the month except January 1. The area is still very dry with the exception of a little moisture on top. The wheat needs more moisture. The hay market is lower than a year ago.

Bloomfield, Iowa, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

Needless to say we are having a long, hard, cold winter. There is snow on the ground most of the time, but not real deep that we've been snowed in. Our coldest was 20 below on January 16. On the 28 it was 12 below with a blizzard-like snow. We had many below zero mornings with strong winds blowing. Many frozen water pipes and some burst. Houses are hard to keep warm enough for comfort. Potatoes and other vegetables froze in caves plus some canned goods resulting in lids coming off or cans burtsing. The last day of the month it warmed up quite a bit and some ice and snow melted. It is still very dry, and a lot of people are buying water.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

According to the weather report from other states, or areas, its very much the same as here, and that is cold. Temperature was running from freezing to 20 below zero since November 28. The winter started very early, we had 6 and 12 below the last days in November. 28 mornings we had zero and below only 5 or 6 times. Many people are having frozen pipes and water trouble, that never gave any trouble before. This winter of '76 and '77 will likely go down in History as one of the coldest in many years. The snowfall hasn't been so heavy though, which is why the ground froze so deep.

God's Word is still holding true:"Es wird nicht aufhoren sommer und winter, frost un hitz" etc.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

January was a real cold month. 26 mornings the temperature was zero and below. The coldest was 30 below on January 16 with still quite a bit of wind moving. On January 19 we had a nice snow from the south east, and several inches on January the 28. A real blizzard wind from the north west, 50 miles an hour wind. Visibility was almost at zero in the morning. The temperature registered at 20 below - official record. The chill factor was at 70 below zero. Health wise there doesn't seem to be so much sickness. Its a healthier winter than when there is so much temperature change. There was quite a bit of ice stored this month.

Amhurst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

January started in rather cold. We had an extra cold spell over several weekends with temperatures dropping to 28 degrees below several times, accompanied by some wind. The chill factor was 60 below. We had a few light snows, but with the wind we had the roads were drifted a little at places. We have about 10 inches of snow on the level.

Chetek, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Henry J. Lehman

Our cold weather started with December being 6 below on the 1. The coldest being 29 below the 30 of December.

The new year started in cold. We had below zero every morning until January 23, when it was 20 above, which lasted 3 more days then we had more subzero weather with lots of strong winds. It snowed some off and on which makes it about a foot altogether, but the wind is taking away a lot of it now.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger

The weather for January was mostly zero or below in the mornings with possibly 6 or 8 mornings of 30 below and maybe that many just slightly above. The last week we had 3 days of around zero with high winds. We have around a foot of snow on the level. The sub soil is still very dry, many farmers are buying hay and grain to feed their dairy herds. The banker at Cashton said they have $300,000.00 loaned to farmers just for hay and grain. He said if it doesn't rain this spring it is going to be hard for the farmers to borrow money.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

January was nice but cold. We had a lot of windy days along with the cold. We had 21 days with zero or below. Some reported as low as 34 below zero on the 16. On the 28 it was 18 below zero with a strong northwest wind. The wind chill factor was 59 below. The snow is around 14 inches deep in the woods. We have a low of high snow banks along the north and south roads because of the high winds. Most of the work is cutting wood also a few are butchering.

Cows and calves are higher since New Years Day. Hay is high priced and scarce. It is mostly selling for $2.00 per bale, or from $80 to $110 per ton.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

January was very cold and wintry. The coldest was 45 below zero. A lot of pipes were frozen. We had a snow storm on January 26, leaving drifts and quite a bit of snow. Hay is from $1.25 to $2.25 a bale.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock Sr.

January was winter-like and left a nice amount of snow. We also had zero and below zero. The lowest we had here at our home was 34 below, and 2 different mornings - 32 below. I think a few times it stayed under zero all day long. One morning it was just at zero, and the air was pure. On January 19 it was 6 below and we had above zero every morning as I recall. Every morning till January 26 it was 8 below and from then on the rest of the month we had below zero every morning. We had a lot of nice sunshiny days.

Tavistock, Ontario, Canada, by Mrs. Emanuel Peachy

January brought us much snow and cold weather this year. The lowest temperature was around 22 below zero on January 18. We had snow and stormy weather with poor visability off and on from January 27 to February 1. Roads were closed most of the time. Schoolbuses and mail didn't go for almost a week now. The weather is milder and the storm seems past again. Roads are slowly being opened and traffic is moving.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

Most of January was cold with a lot of snow and good sleighing. The temperature was from sub-zero to the twenties. On the 18 it was 28 below zero, we also had some mild days but not enough to make the snow go down much.

St Marys, Ontario, by Abe Hochstetler

This was the coldest January in recent history. Many days the temperature did not go higher than 10 above zero. We had an average snowfall with lots of wind, which makes for 6 to 8 foot drifts around buildings. We experienced a few blizzards with the last one just tapering off. The coldest reading was around 22 below zero. Corn prices are hanging around $2.21 a bu., hog prices dressed wt. at $54.68. Top steer pr. around !40.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

January was a very cold stormy month, the worst in 34 years. There are at least 3 feet of snow on the ground. We had no mail service for at least 6 days throughout the month and schools were closed at least that many days. In some places the roads were closed so badly that snow blowers had to be used to open them. The coldest we had was 24 below on the 18 followed by zero weather and high winds. The worst storm started on the 28 and finally subdued on the afternoon of the 31.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS,

Held over from December

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

December started in really cold, snow; and the second week was also quite a lot of snow. The third week was sunny and warmer during the day, the 19th reaching 50 degrees. Colder that week, mostly zero weather. The last week it was snowy, very windy, and zero. The month ended with 10 below zero.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

December was a month which came in cold and went out very cold. We had a white Christmas, which is always very nice. Our warmest day was on the 10th at 43, and the coldest on the last day at 14 below. We had some snow blizzards, but did not last long.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Ivan J. Gingerich

The weather in December was very winterish. The first half was fairly cold with temperatures ranging from 10 to 40, and nearly always had a small amount of snow scattered around. From the middle of the month on it continued to get colder and windy. The low was on the 31st with a strong wind and 13 below, putting the chill factor down to 50 below. We got our first heavy snow of six inches on the 30th, which fell without wind, making a beautiful scene. Folks are busy with butchering, so cold weather comes in handy for freezing.

Webster County, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

December has been somewhat changeable, not too cold on the average, but still very dry!! A few small showers, not enough to make the hay grow, or maybe it was too cold for that. A few snow flurries, that was not even enough to help the water situation. Some wells are reported drying up, springs getting weak or dry, and ponds low or completely dry! But we have nothing to complain about. Price of fat hogs is up some again. $41 was paid for top the last two weeks. Feed is up somewhat, too.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

Weather for December was winterlike, with six below zero and four inches of snow on the seventh. Then on the ninth it warmed up that snow nearly all melted again. It remained quite mild (with temperature at 58 on the 27th) until the 28th when it turned colder and snowed some again. Temperature down to 15 below zero on the 31st.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Bontrager

December in general was cold and dry, having a few warmer spells. We received 2 to 3 inches of snow the sixth and seventh, and again two to three inches the 28th. Our coldest was 20 below zero on the 31st. We had a nice Christmas Day, no snow and not so cold.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

December was in general a fair month, but on the dry side. We had 15 zero mornings and below. Coldest was the last day of the month, with 27 below. No real storms, with about five inches of snow for the month. The work among the farmers is chores, cleaning stables, and getting in wood for heating.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

We have had very little moisture in the last two months. We had some snow, but it is all gone. With the bare ground and extremely cold weather so early before New Year's, it will likely freeze the ground to quite a depth. We had eleven mornings with temp. at zero or below, and more close to zero. We have had more zero weather this fall already than we did all last winter. However, we also had many nice days.

Bloomfield, Iowa, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

Our fall has been colder than usual with very little moisture, very little snow thus far. A few days after Thanksgiving it snowed and turned quite cold. By December 9 it warmed up quite a bit and most of snow left. During the week of the 12th it seemed like Indian Summer, as spider webs were flying. By the 19th it turned colder with more snow on the 22nd. On the 31st we had our coldest of 13 below. Because of lack of moisture, more people are needing to buy water. A load of 1600 gallons costs $12.10.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

The first two weeks in December were cold, as low as 16 below zero. It warmed up the 14th for a week, melted most of the snow. Colder weather the latter part of the month, as low as 34 below zero. We have several inches of snow again.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

December was colder than average. We had zero several times before the 15th, but was real nice the week of the 15th. It got colder again toward the last. The coldest was 20 below on the 31st. We had several light snowfalls. We have four inches on the level in the woods.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

We had no real snowstorms during December, but many below zero days. Butchering and wood cutting is being done.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger

The weather throughout the area for Dec. was mostly dry and cold with about 6 inches of snow. The high was around the 30 mark and the low from 20 below to 30 on the extreme thermometers.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss Stutzman

December was a cold month with snow on the ground most of the time. We had quite a bit of below zero temperatures, a few mornings as much as 22 below in the lower places. The last week there were three days when the temperature stayed below zero all day. We had mostly sunshine with a few windy days.

Utica, Minnesota, by Atlee J. Shetler

The first two weeks of December have been cold, zero to ten below. The week of the 12th it was real mild. The week of the 20th cold again, not much snow. The week of the 26th it was 18 to 24 below.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William Schrock, Sr.

Our December weather was quite cold a few times, low around 20 below. We had a lot of sunny days, and a light layer of snow on the ground.

Chesley, Ontario, by Jacob C. Hershberger

The ground has been covered with snow through December. Temperature from 30 above to ten below, and good sleighing most of the time. This weather was Number 1 for Jack rabbit hunting.

Einen Brief geschrieben zu der Joseph Kurtz von der Benjamin Kinnig, den 19ten Mai, 1834.

Meinen Herz freundlichen Grus der liebe und des friedens an dich Joseph Kurz. Mit winschung das beste zu Sehl und Leib. Der Herr woll uns und euch erhalten in einem wahren Sellichmachenten glauben und das durch Jesum Christum Amen.

Ferner las ich dich wisen das mir so weit als ich weis die freund und Bekanten auch. Mein wunsch wer das mein schreiben thät euch alle nuch auch alle in guter gesundheit antrefen. Ich las dich wisen das die Gemein gestern beis Christian Lans war und waren viel Freund und bekante beieinander. Ich las dich wisen das wier ziemlich rau und kalt weter gehabt hen das die obst verfroren ist. Dann die lezte woch hat es eis gehabt und aber heut ist es warm. Ich las dich wisen das Mir noch etliche hochzeit gehabt hen nach dem das dir beu uns waret. Dan zum ersten war der Samuel Stoltzfus und die Susi Beiler, dan der David Glick und die Magdalina Lans und jetz gets an die Witwiber und am 3 April der Michael Schwarz und die Barbara Lapp und am 20ten der Heinrich Lans mit der Elizabeth Kinig

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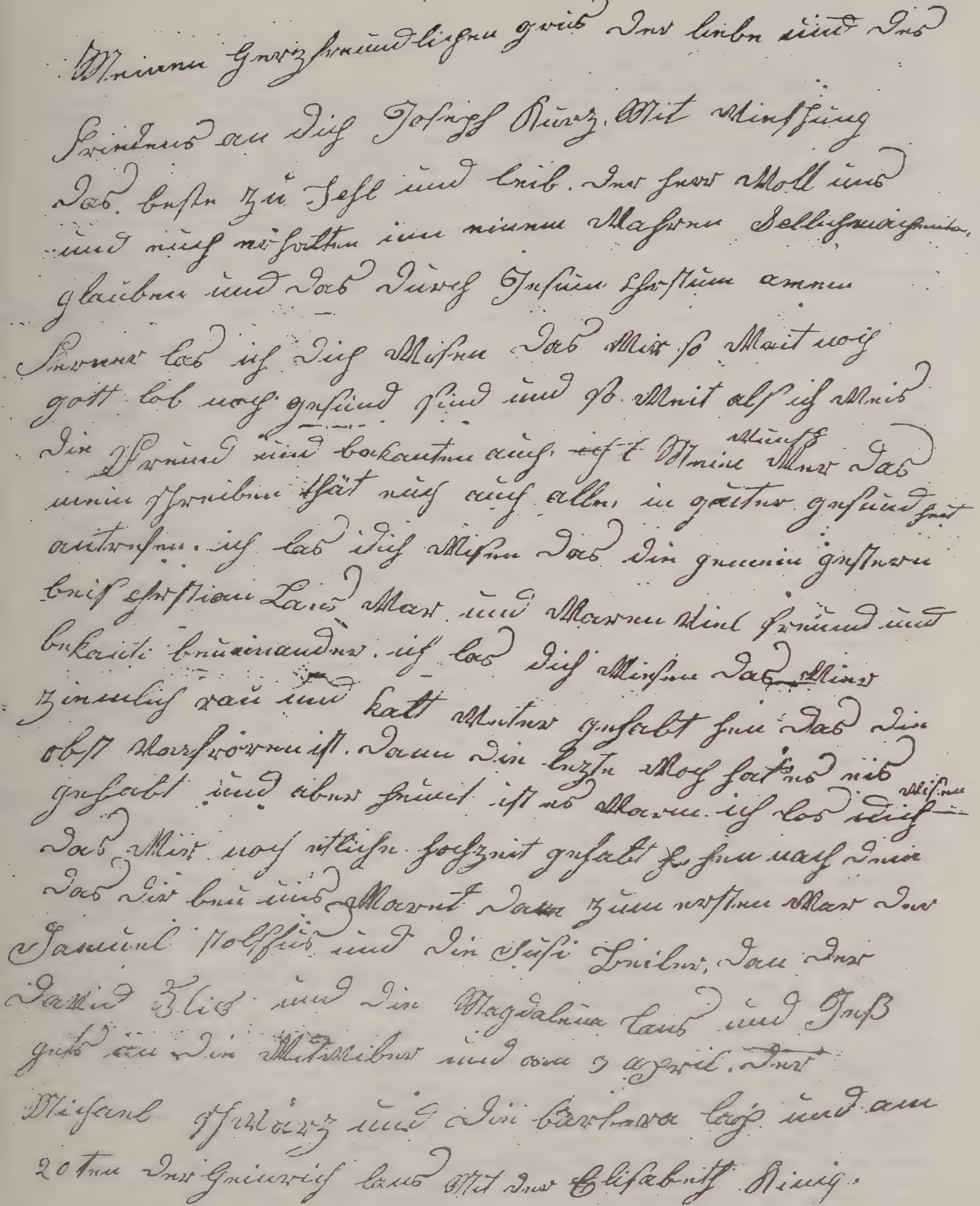

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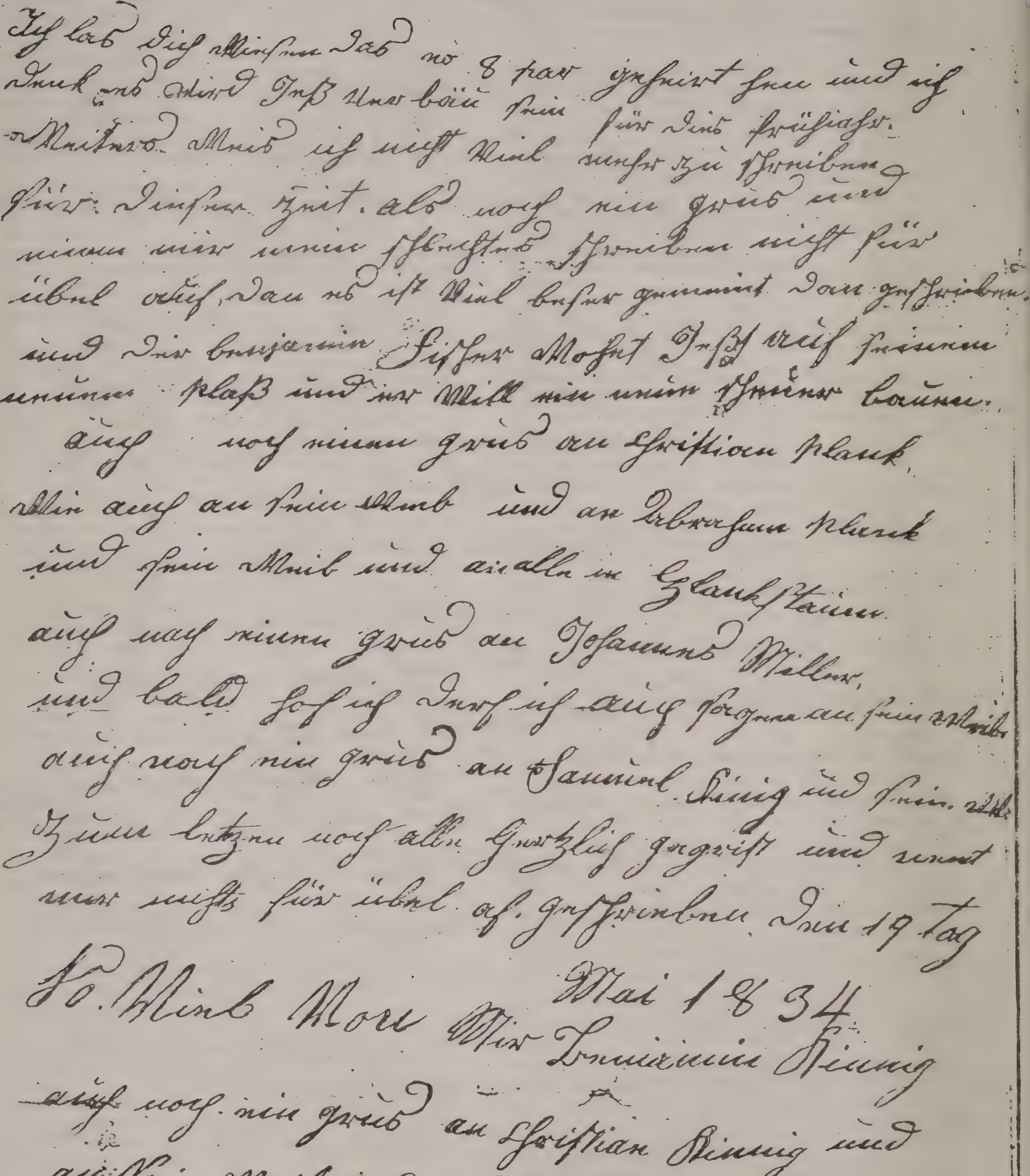

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Das Letzte Theil Von Der Brief Geschrieben Zu Der Joseph Kurtz,..

Ich las dich wiesen das no 8 par geheirt hen und ich denk es wird jetz verbäu sein für dies Frühjahr. Weiters weis ich nicht viel mehr zu schreiben für dieser zeit. Als noch ein Grus und nimm mir mein schtechtes schreiben nicht für übel auf dan es ist viel beser gemeint dan geschrieben. Und der Benjamin Fischer wohnt jetzt auf seinem neuen platz und er will ein neue Scheur bauen.

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Geschrieben den 19
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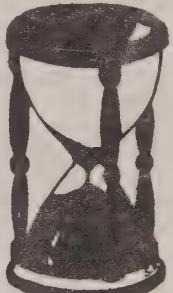
The Hour Glass



To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE MILLER FAMILY OF SHILLINGTON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By Amos L. Fisher

Continued from October issue

Since we started with the Shetler family we received some additional information through Emery Shetler of Chesley, Ontario, Canada. He was having correspondence with the Waldeckischer Geschichtsverin (Historical Society) of Arolsen, Germany, concerning the Shetler family. In 1967 they sent him the following letter:

3548 Arolsen, 1.Juli 1967

Mr.
Emery Shetler
Chesley / Ontario
R.R. / Canada

Sehr geehrter Herr Shetler!

Herr Hellwig in Koreach sandte mir Ihren Brief vom 6.Juni zur Beantwortung. Ich bin nach Helsen gefahren und fand in Kirchenbuch folgende Eintragung.

Am 17. Juli 1804 ist dem Mennonisten Johannes Schottler in Hunighausen ein Sohn geboren: Christian.

Jede andere Angabe uber die Eltern und Geschwister fehlt. Weiters Kinder wurden auf dem Gutshof (Domane) Hunighausen von der Familie Schottler nicht geboren. Da die Kinder nicht konfirmiert wurden, sind auch keine weiteren Kinder in anderen Verzeichnissen eingetragen. Uber die Herkunft und Verwandtschaft kann ich Ihnen leider keine Auskunft geben.

Der Pachter der Domane Hunighausen war ebenfalls Mennonit. Die Familie kam aus der Schweiz, hiez Gungerich (Gingerich, Jungerich) und wanderte nach USA aus, wo sie heute noch besteht. Vielleicht hilft Ihnen ein Eintrag im Helser Kirchenbuch weiter:

Am 22.9.1806 starb Witwer Samuel Joter, des zu Hunighausen wohnenden Johannes Schettlers Schwiegervater, Mennonit, seit 14 Tagen bei seiner Tochter in Hunighausen. Seine von Malberg bei Ober-Warolden (auch ein Gut) stammende Ehefrau ist in Romerberg gestorben. Er war zuerst beim alten Conduktor Jungerich zu Hunighausen, dann auf der Meirei (das ist eine andere Bezeichnung fur Domane–Staatsgut) Sand bei Sachenberg, dann bis zu seinem Tode Pachter in Romersberg (R.uber Wabern Bezirk Kassel), starb 66 Jahre alt, geburtig aus der Pfalz.

Vielleicht kommen auch Ihre Vorfahren aus der Pfalz, denn Ihr Name kommt in Waldeck nicht vor. Die hier ansassigen ahnlich klingenden Familien heissen Schuttler, sind jedoch keine Mennoniten. Die Pachter der Domanen waren damals haufig Mennoniten, und sie hielten auch vielfach solche Arbeitskrafte. Schreiben Sie mal die Pfarramter 3559 Munden uber Frankenberg (fur Gut Sand), und 3581 Romersberg uber Wabern an: mit Joters Tochter wird sich wahrscheinlich Ihr Vorfahren an einem dieser beiden Orte verheiratet haben. Man darf annehmen, dass bei der Trauung ein

Hinweis uber die Herkunft gegeben ist.

Falls Sie etwas erfahren, bin ich Ihnen fur eine Nachricht dankbar. Ich stelle das Ortissippenbuch Helsen zusammen, in dem auch die Eintragungen des Guts Hunighausen enthalten sind, und konnte Ihren Vermerk aufnehmen.

Ich wunsche Ihnen guten Erfolg und grusse Sie.

Wetekam

At this time we do not have a copy of the passport of Johannes Shetler or the birth certificate of Christian Shetler, but will try and have a copy for the next issue, so we will proceed with the Shetler family where we left off in the October issue. We should keep in mind that we are still at the descendants of Christian Miller of Shillington, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

(118) Moses Shetler (115), of Baltic, Ohio, born in 1836, died in 1877, married to Lydia, daughter of Jacob and Fannie (Hershberger) Miller, Lydia married her second husband, Elias Miller, and their children are (119) Elizabeth Shetler (118), married to Isaac Yoder who was born in 1857, died in 1883, Elizabeth married second to Jonathan C. Miller. The oldest daughter, Mary Yoder, married to Andrew Coblentz and lived in Uniontown, Stark County, Ohio. A good many of this family are in Stark County and also some in Canada, including Anna Coblentz, married to John Henry Coblentz, son of Bishop Noah Coblentz of Lakeside. (120) Fannie Yoder (119), born in 1883, married to Bishop Benjamin J. Yoder of Sugar Creek, Ohio. There is a very large offspring of Elizabeth Shetler (No. 119) in Holmes County and Geauga County, Ohio, and in Conewango Valley, New York. (121) Fannie Shetler (118), born in 1863, married first to Andrew D. Troyer, second to John J. Yoder, son of Jacob and Barbara (Schlabach) Yoder, they are also of Holmes County. (122) Mary Shetler (118), married to Noah A. Raber, a grandson, Melvin A. Raber, is bishop in South Charm District. (123) Levi M. Shetler (118), born in 1867, married first to Catherine B. Miller, daughter of Benedict C. and Lizzie (Hershberger) Miller, second to Mattie Miller, a sister to his first wife, and third to Mary Schlabach. There is a large offspring of this family in Geauga County, including a granddaughter, Mattie Shetler, married to Bishop Noah B. Detweiler, also a son, Ben L. Shetler, is bishop at Conewango Valley, New York, where most of his family lives. (124) Jacob L. Shetler (123), born in 1899, married to Amanda A. Hershberger, daughter of Ananias Hershberger, they lived in Adams County, Indiana. (125) Levi L. Shetler (123), married to Sarah Miller, they, with their family, are mostly in Chatsworth, Chesley, and Desboro, Ontario, Canada, including Levi L. S. Shetler who is minister at Chatsworth; Jacob L. Shetler is minister at Medina County, Ohio; Emanuel L. Shetler is bishop at Fredericksburg, Ohio; a son-in-law, Joe P. Yoder, is a deacon at Chatsworth; Mose Hershberger, a son-in-law, is minister at Desboro, and Joe A. Miller is also a minister at Desboro, Ontario, Canada. (126) Moses L. Shetler (123), of Apple Creek, Ohio, married to Mary J. Miller, daughter of Joni M. and Lizzie (Hostetler) Miller, their children include Uriah Shetler, married to Rachel Stoltzfus, daughter of Jonas and Rachel (Beiler) Stoltzfus. Uriah is minister and bishop, living in Paraguay, South America. Another son, Joni Shetler, is married to Anna Stoltzfus, also a daughter of Jonas Stoltzfus. (127) Noah L. Shetler (123), married to Lovina Coblentz, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Troyer) Coblentz, they live in Conewango Valley, and some of the family at Norwich, Ontario, Canada. (128) Elizabeth Shetler (123), married to Noah M. Miller. (129) Emma L. Shetler (123), married to Eli J. Miller, son of Joni and Lizzie (Hostetler) Miller, their only son, Joni, is at Stuarts Draft, Virginia. (130) Lewis L. Shetler (123), of Conewango Valley, New York, married to Ada A. Mast, daughter of Andrew and Mary C. (Schrock) Mast, their family is mostly at Conewango Valley and at Norwich, Ontario. (131) Valentine L. Shetler (123), at one time in Clark, Missouri, married to Annie R. Troyer, daughter of Rudy and Amanda (Otto) Troyer, their children were also mostly at Clark, Missouri. (132) Barbara Shetler (123), married to Joe E. Miller, son of Eli and Lizzie Ann (Miller) Miller of Clark, Missouri. (133) John M. Shetler (118), born in 1872, married first to Mary Nisley, daughter of John P. and Elizabeth (Mast) Nisley, he married second to Amanda D. Troyer, widow of Emanuel U. Hershberger, their children are mostly in Holmes County, Ohio. (134) Catherine Shetler (118), married to Christian J. Yoder, son of Jacob and Barbara (Schlabach) Yoder, their children are mostly in Holmes County. (135) Moses M. Shetler (118), married to Mary J. Miller, daughter of Joseph and Katie D. (Schlabach) Miller, their children are around Apple Creek and some in Norwich, Ontario, a granddaughter, Mary J. Miller, is married to Tobe Y. Hostetler, a minister at Danville, Ohio.

(136) Christian Shetler Jr. (115), married to Polly Hershberger, daughter of Moses and Catherine (Schrock) Hershberger. They had two children and stayed around Johnstown, and a few of the descendants in Scottdale.

(137) Jacob Shetler (115), of Holsopple, Pennsylvania, married to Amelia Kauffman, daughter of Sem and Elizabeth (Yoder) Kauffman, they had two children, in Northern Somerset County and in Indiana and the descendants scattered throughout the western states.

(138) Lewis M. Shetler (115), of Davidsville, Pennsylvania, born in 1851, married to Lydia Nafzinger. (139) Jacob L. Shetler (138), married first to Katie Hershberger, second to Ella Hertzler, they have one adopted son. (140) William H. Shetler (138), of Atglen, Lancaster County, married to Lydia Kauffman, they have a large offspring in Chester County and Lancaster County, mostly of the Mennonite Faith.

The youngest of the Christian Shetler family was (141) Abe Shetler (115), of Holsopple, Somerset County, married to Malinda Stayrock. They are of the Mennonite Faith and still reside mostly in Northern Somerset County.

(142) Daniel C. Nisley (114), born October 3, 1811, married to Lydia Yoder, born in 1814, died in 1857, he then married his second wife, Fannie H. Miller of Haven, Kansas. They at one time lived in Oklahoma, and also in Indiana. There were thirteen children born from the two marriages. A few died young and a few died single but still there is a very large offspring from this family throughout the western states, the oldest being (143) Daniel D. Nisley (142), born in 1841, married to Mary Yoder, daughter of Valentine and Elizabeth Yoder of Shipshewana, Indiana. To them were born eleven children, some of which were in LaGrange County and Elkhart County, Indiana, and also some in Arthur, Illinois. (144) Joseph Nisley (142), married to Catherine Stutzman, daughter of Mose and Elizabeth (Bohler) Stutzman. (145) John Nisley (142), of Haven, Kansas, married to Magdalena Miller, daughter of Daniel D. and Anna (Kauffman) Miller, who at one time were in Thomas, Oklahoma. Their son, Daniel Nisley, married to Fanny Bontrager, daughter of Daniel J. and Mary (Hostetler) Bontrager, they lived in Kansas. (146) Mattie Nisley (145), born in 1878, married to the well-known late minister and bishop, Leander Keim of Haven, Kansas. (147) Emanuel D. Nisley (142), married to Eliza Wough. They had several children, Mary Nisley, married to John Schrock. They at one time lived in Phoenix, Arizona. Lydia Nissley, married to John Chupp, some of their children are in Iowa; Millie Nissley, married to Amos Stutzman. (148) Samuel D. Nissley (142), married to Elizabeth D. Miller, daughter of Minister Daniel J. and Barbara (Bontrager) Miller, who died about 1909 in Iowa. After the death of Samuel Nissley, Elizabeth married to Jonas J. Eash who died at Gibson, Miss. in 1902, a son of Jacob Eash, their children are living in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Hartville, Ohio. (149) Magdalena Nissley (142), born in 1859, died in 1892, married to David C. Schrock, son of Joseph and Fanny (Kauffman) Schrock. He married the second time to Mattie Hochstetler, and they lived at McMinnville, Oregon. A few of their children were for some time living at Bloomfield, Montana, including Fanny D. Schrock, married to Deacon Daniel J. Coblentz. (150) David D. Nissley (142), of Haven, Kansas, born in 1860, married in 1883 to Anna D. Miller, daughter of Daniel J. and Barbara (Bontrager) Miller. Anna died in 1887 after four years of married life. David then married to Fanny Ann Keim, daughter of John C. Keim of Middlebury, Indiana. (151) Anna Nissley (142), married to John E. Miller, they at one time lived at Thomas, Oklahoma, where they raised several children. (152) Abraham D. Nissley (142), married to Eliza Kauffman, daughter of J. D. and Barbara (Gingerich) Kauffman. He was ordained minister and at one time lived in Oklahoma, but by 1919 he was ordained bishop at Bremen, Indiana, from this family comes the two well-known ministers, Ira and David LeRoy Nissley. Ira Nissley, married to Barbara Schlabach, moved from Thomas, Oklahoma, to Sawyer County, Wisconsin, in 1918 and was ordained minister in 1919. It being the day his father, Abraham Nissley, was ordained bishop at Bremen, Indiana. In 1927 they moved back to Oklahoma and still later to Kalona, Iowa. David LeRoy Nissley, married to Emma Schrock, moved to Dover, Delaware, and at the present time is living in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. (153) Christian Nissley Jr. (114), of Saltillo, Ohio, born in 1813, died in 1890, married to Magdalena Yoder, born in 1811, daughter of Pre. Yost H. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Yoder of Somerset County, Pennsylvania (Yost H. being the son of Henry Yoder who in turn was a son of Yost Yoder by his first wife, his second wife was Mary Seiver). To Christian Nissley Jr. were born six children of which two died single. The oldest child was (154) Elizabeth Nissley (153), married to Joseph Bean; (155) Mary Nissley (153), born in 1838, married to Jacob Coblentz. They had eight children, of which four of them were married. A grandson, Noah J. Coblentz, is bishop at Sugarcreek, Ohio.

(156) Sarah Nissley (114), married to Moses Coblentz. They at one time lived in Hutchinson, Kansas, and had ten children, of which eight of them were at some time in Kansas, Indiana, and in Holmes County and Stark County, Ohio. (156) Susanna Nissley (114), of Kalona, Iowa, married to John Slabaugh, born in 1806 in Germany, who was the only son of John Slabaugh who came from Germany to Somerset County, Pennsylvania, at twenty-three years of age with his mother, who was a Yoder, and a sister. Their children are Fannie Slabaugh of Lewis, Indiana, married to John Strahle, who was killed in 1870 while working in a well; Catherine, married to Christian Brenneman, there is a large offspring of this family in Iowa; Barbara, married to Leonard Kuhns; Sarah, married to Samuel Fisher, born in 1841; John Slabaugh, married to Elizabeth Schrock; Susanna Slabaugh, married to Jerry Troyer. (157) Elizabeth Nissley (114), born in 1818, died in 1858, married to John Schmucker who came to America at seven years of age, from Grindlewald, Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1823 with his parents, John and Mary (Klopenstine) Schmucker, landing at Philadelphia. From there they started for Holmes County, Ohio, but stopped off at Somerset County to visit friends. While there John Sr. took sick and died at thirty-four years of age, and is buried in Somerset County. The widow and her six children with the help of friends moved on to Holmes County, Ohio. It was there that John Jr. married to Elizabeth Nissley. In the spring of 1850 John Schmucker and his brother, Christian Schmucker, with their families, decided to move to Waupecong, Howard County, Indiana, traveling about twenty miles a day. There they bought land for from five to ten dollars an acre, with lots of timber. By the spring of 1851 there were about a dozen families there so they started a church by ordaining two men the same day. They were Benjamin Schrock and John Schmucker. In about 1856 there was a split in the church, Benjamin Schrock went with the Mennonites and then John Schmucker was ordained bishop. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1858. He then married to Catharine Slabaugh, who was born in 1824

and died in 1901. There were nine children born to the first marriage and three to the second marriage. The oldest, (158) Maria Schmucker (157), born in 1837, married to Jonathan Troyer, son of Jacob and Maria (Coblentz) Troyer of Indiana; (159) Sarah Schmucker (157), born in 1839, married to Simon Hershberger of Nappanee, Indiana, born in 1837, died in 1882. To this union were born fourteen children of which several died in their minority. We will try and mention a few of the surviving children—namely, (160) Catherine Hershberger (159), married to Mose S. Miller, Shipshewana, Indiana; (161) Anna S. Hershberger (159), married to Noah Petersheim, he was ordained deacon in Ohio, they were the grandparents of Bishop Tobe Petersheim of Juniata County, Pennsylvania; (162) Rudolph Hershberger (159), of Millersburg, Ohio, married to Mattie Troyer; (163) Elizabeth Hershberger (159), of Shipshewana, Indiana, married to John M. Burkholder who was born in 1867 and died in 1969 at the age of over one hundred years. Their oldest daughter, (164) Sarah Burkholder (163), was married to John C. Hochstetler and they were the parents of Niel Hochstetler, the engine service man at New Holland. A daughter, Barbara Hochstetler, married to Joni Hershberger, who have a large family living at Kenton, Ohio. (165) Mary Ann Burkholder (163), born in 1891, married to John L. Swartz, son of Joe A. and Lydia (Borkholder) Swartz, he is at the present time a bishop at Nappanee, Indiana. (166) Benjamin Hershberger (159), married to Lydia Schmucker, there is a large offspring of this family living in Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. (167) Fannie S. Hershberger (159), married to Noah B. Mullet, they at one time lived in Haven, Kansas. (168) John S. Hershberger (159), married to Susanna Troyer, born in 1870, died in 1913, they had twelve children. John then married to Elizabeth Kemp and they had seven children. To mention a few are Andrew J. Hershberger from his first marriage, married to Anna Bontrager. Their daughter, Sarah A., married to Joseph J. Coblentz, son of Bishop Jonas Coblentz, they lived at Dover, Delaware, and later at Holliday, Tennessee. (169) Jacob J. Hershberger (168), was born in 1918 and is married to Mary Beiler. They live at Kirkwood in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. (170) Miriam Hershberger (159), is married to Benedict Mullet. They at one time lived at Weatherford, Oklahoma, and had a large family. (171) Rosa Hershberger (159), married to John S. Tice of Ohio.

(172) Anna Schmucker (157), born December 15, 1840 in Holmes County, married to John Borkholder. They lived at Nappanee, Indiana, and had a large family. (173) Susanna Schmucker (157), born in 1843, married to Aaron A. Miller, their children were in Daviess County, Howard County, and LaGrange County, Indiana. A daughter, Malinda Miller, was married to Isaac Ebersol from Lancaster County but lived in LaGrange County, Indiana. (174) Barbara Schmucker (157), born in 1848 in Holmes County, Ohio, married to Christian Schwartz, who was born near Belford, France, in 1832, died in 1906 in Newton County, Indiana. Christian Schwartz had married his first wife, Mary Schwartz. When she died in 1873 he married to Barbara Schmucker. From the first marriage there were nine children, several who died young, and seven from the second marriage. Most of them were in Allen County and later some in Adams County, around Berne, Indiana. After the death of Christian Schwartz, Barbara married to August Wickey. He was born in 1839 at Zurich, Switzerland, and died in 1922 at Berne, Indiana. Christian Schwartz is the progenitor of about all the Schwartz's among the Amish.

To be continued

MILLWOOD CHURCH HISTORY

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offenses were photographs, lottery, insurance and *clavier schpielen* (a musical instrument). Other issues were concerning the extent of the deacons' office and family or *freundschaft*' marriages.

The Last Struggle

It is evident that Lower Pequea as well as the Conestoga Districts were in the state of struggle in this fifteen year period. Just how the leave of Deacon John Stoltzfus affected the church is not known, but apparently it has not eased the situation any. The vacancy of his office was not filled because they held no communion from that time until after the division. In fact the house Amish had no deacon until 1883 or twelve years after John Stoltzfus moved to Tennessee. It is supposed that help from other districts or other communities were called upon to assist in settling indifferences but of this we have no record nor date but apparently this took place at the Christian Y. Blank home, where Preacher Mose Blank now lives, when Gideon Stoltzfus was silenced in the late fall of 1876. According to tradition a brother Joseph Kennel then announced that the next services would be held at his home which resulted the final seperation. This group of 75 members was now known as the Millwood Church. Our records also lack the exact time and the names of the Ohio ministers who came to assist the Millwood group but it is assumed that one or all of those who didicate the opening of the new church house in 1882 were called upon to aid and at that time perhaps Gideon Stoltzfus was reelected to the ministgry. The date is harder to fix because it is probable that the Morgantown ministry aided them temporarily. The names of the families who composed the seventy-five members must be somewhat calculated from the membership role of 1882. As we are not sure of the number of families we will list the ones most probable to be the initial families of the Millwood congregation: Joseph E. Blank, Enos Blank, John Diener, Joseph Esch, Nicolas Esch, Peter Esch, Christian L. Fisher, Benjamin B. Lapp, David Glick, Samuel Kauffman, Christian Kauffman, Joseph Kennel, John P. Kennel, John M. Kennel, Christian Lantz, Samuel Lantz, David Z. Lantz, Amos Mast, Gideon Stoltzfus and family, Henry Stoltzfus, John Swartzentruber, Nicolas Summers, John A. Umble, Christian Umble, Isaac Walker, Eli Yost, and Moses Riehl . Widows among the list were Catherine Lapp, Susan Umble, Mary Stoltzfus, and Annie Newhauser.

FOOTNOTES:

/,by Vernon Kennel

†from *Begebenheiten in der Amische gemeinde*, published by John Y. Schlaback.

‡*Verhandlungen der siebenjahrlichen diennerversammlung*, published by John Baer, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1868.

§Moses Riehl disagreed to building a church house and returned to the Amish.

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH HISTORY

Submitted by Vernon Kennel

First settlers began arriving in the late 1700's and emigrating from Switzterland, Germany, France and Alsaco-Lorraine. They were of Amish background and from Swiss, French and German nationalities. All were farmers. Some came for economic reasons while others were from a persecuted group.

Nicholas Stoltzfus emigrated from Germany October 18, 1766 and settled near Reading, Pa. In 1800 his son, Christian Stoltzfus, a bishop, came to Millcreek and had charge of the Millcreek and Pequea Districts. Other early leaders were his son, John Stoltzfus ordained minister in 1805 and bishop in 1808 and David Beiler ordained minister in 1822 and Bishop in 1831.John Blank was bishop and three of his sons were in the ministry before Millcreek and Pequea Districts were divided in 1843. It is said that these men could not preach very well and the conregation began to dwindle. The Pequea District was divided into upper and lower Pequea and in 1852 Christian Umble and David F. Stoltzfus were ordained to the ministry.Christian Umble was ordained bishop in 1854 and form this the churches again began to prosper. John Stoltzfus, father of Gideon Stoltzfus, was ordained deacon in 1844 and moved to the farm from which land was made available for the Millwood Church and Cemetery.

In 1868 Gideon Stoltzfus was ordained to the ministry. In 1876-77 Gideon Stoltzfus severed from the Christian Umble And David F. Stoltzfus group with about two-thirds of the congregation numbering about seventy-five members. One of the reasons for severing was that this body wanted a church house . In 1878 Samuel Lantz was ordained to assist Gideon Stoltzfus.

There was no conference affliction at this time but the group worked with Ohio Brethern and Gideon Stoltzfus was not allowed to preach because of this.

Counsel was taken June 3, 1882, for the purpose of building a church and was unaminous with the exception of one member.

Abuilding committe was appointed as follows, Samuel L. Kauffman, Jacob Umble,and John P. Kennel. Work was began at once and the building was finished by October 1, 1882. The carpenter work was done by William D. Hear, Gap, Pa. The totle cost of lumber for the church was $812.30.THe totle cost of roofing matiel was $147.55. The totle cost of hardware was $359.59. The mason work inclu ding stone was $89.03. The work of plastering $59.50. The carpenter work cost $272.04. The seats cost $114.94. The land for same cost $228.00.The total cost of church building complete was $2272.30. This also included land, trees, etc.

The church was dedicated on October 3, 1882. The folling ministers were presant.David Hostetler, Weilersville, Ohio, Samuel and Fred Mast,Millersburg, Ohio, Bishop Samuel Yoder, Belleville, Pa, who preached the dedication sermon. The ministers of the congregation at this time were, Gideon Stoltzfus,Samuel Lantz, and Michael Swartz. John P. Mast was bishop of the congregation at this time.

There were one hundred and twenty-four members in the congregation as follows.

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Esch Joseph.
Esch Nichelas.
Esch Peter.
Esch Mary.
Esch Peter Jr.
Esch Christian.
Esch Mary.
Esch Susan.
Fisher Christian L.
Fisher Anna.
Fritz John.
Glick David H.
Glick Jonathon L.
Glick Barbara.
Glick Mattie.
Hubertis Mattie.
Kauffman Samuel L.
Kauffman Barbara.
Kauffman Christian L.
Kauffman Rachel.
Kauffman Menno.
Kauffman Ida.
Kennel Joseph.
Kennel Fannie.
Kennel John P.
Kennel Mattie.
Kennel John R.
Kennel Sarah.
Kennel Mary.
Kennel John M.
Kennel Annie.
Lapp Catherine (widow).
Lantz Christian.
Lantz Leah.
Lantz Barbara.
Lantz Christian.
Lantz Samuel.
Lantz David Z.
Lantz Nancy.
Lantz Mary.
Leber Andrew.
Leber Katie.
Leaman Cora.
Mast Amos.
Mast Sarah.
Mast Malinda.
Mast barbara.
Mast John N.
Mast Sarah.
Neuhauser Annie.
Neuhauser Jonas U.
Neuhauser Anna.
Neuhauser Stephen.
Neuhauser Lydia.
Neuhauser Jacob B.
Neuhauser Barbara.
Neuhauser Henry.
Neuhauser Susan.
Neuhauser Mattie.
Petersheim Daniel M.
Petersheim Levi M.
Petersheim Rachel K.
Petersheim Sallie K.
Petersheim Katie K.
Raum George J.
Raum Emma.
Stoltzfus Gideon.
Stoltzfus Susan.
Stoltzfus John M.
Stoltzfus Elizabeth.
Stoltzfus Mary.]*widow*]
Stoltzfus Am[illegible]
Stoltzfus Katie
Stoltzfus Leah
Stoltzfus Rachel
Stoltzfus Elizabeth
Stoltzfus John K.
Stoltzfus Benj. K.
Stoltzfus A. K.
Stoltzfus Susan
Stoltzfus Betsey
Swartz Micheal
Swartz Jacob
Swartz Susan
Swartentruber John
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Summera Nancy
Summers Peter
Summers Henry
Summers David
Summers Mattie
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Umble Barbara
Umble Isaac K.
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'yost Lydia

The above information was mostly attained was mostly form brother Samuel L. Kauffm's book, who was a trustee of the church from the time the church was built until a few years prior to his death.

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH HISTORY, Continued

Events

On May 13, 1888 Gideon Stoltzfus was advanced to the bishop office and on the same day John P. Kennel was ordained as Deacon, the following brethern were in the lot, John P. Kennel, Nicholas Summers, Christian L. Kauffman, John A. Umble, and Jacob B. Neuhauser.

In the spring of 1889, Samuel Lantz and about six or eight families severed from the Millwood congregation.

John M. Stoltzfus was ordained to the ministry October 13, 1889. The following brethern were in the lot. John M. Stoltzfus, Nicholas Summers, David H. Glick, Menno F.Kauffman, Benjamin J. Kauffman.

the first sunday school held at Millwood Church was organized in the spring of 1899, the following officers were elected. Amos mast, SUPT.,Henry M. Umble,ASST. SUPT.,Nicholas Summers, Secretary, Benuel Mast, Treasurer, John K. Mast, Chorister.

Deaths

John P. Mast, Morgantown, Pa, was bishop over the congregation until May 13, 1888 when Gideon Stoltzfus was ordained to the bishop office.John P. Mast passed to his eternal reward four weeks later, June 11, 1888, dying suddenly while walking through a feild.

Cady, daughter of John and Annie Swartzentruber died March 1, 1883,Aged 2 years 7 months.

Aaron, son of John and Annie Swartzentruber died June 2, 1883. Aged 3 years, 5 months, and 24 days.

Abram, son of Jonathon and Barbara Glick died March 22, 1884.Aged 21 years, 4 months, and 11days.

Mattie Neuhauser died April 17, 1884, Aged 44 years, 6 months 28 days.

Isaac Walker died November 1, 1884, Aged 68 years, 5 months, and 10 days.

Mary, daughter of George and Emma Raum died August 14, 1885.Aged 3 years, 7 months, 28 days.

Leah Lantz wife of Christian Lantz died January 29, 1886. Aged 75 years, 26 days.

Jacob Neuhauser, son of John and Mattie Neuhauser died December 3, 1886, aged 19 years, 9 months, 26 days.

Naomi, daughter of Benjamin B. and Christina Lapp died April 11, 1877, Aged 2 years , 2 months, and 8 days.

Harry, son of Stephen and Lydia Neuhauser died Arril 13, 1887. Aged 8 months, 13 days.

Katie Blank, daughter of Enos and Barbara Blank died November 17, 1887,Aged 6 years, 3 months, and 23 days.

Funeral services conducted by G ideon Stoltzfus&Samuel Lantz

Nancy, wife of Christian L. Fisher died February 11, 1890. Aged 50 years, 6 months, 15 days.

Christian L. Fisher died March 10, 1890.Aged 50 years, 9 months, 7 days.

Joseph Esch died August 10, 1890. Aged 62 years, 9 months, 16 days.

Josie Fisher, son of Gideon E. and Sarah Fisher Died November 15, 1890,Aged 3 years, 2 months and 10 days.

Infant son of Christan and Lydia Esch died March 22, 1891, Aged 2 days.

Sarah Renno, wife of David Renno died September 5, 1891. Aged 52 years, 10 months, 18 days.

Katie, daughter of Isaac K. and Elizebeth Mast died Mar 6 1892

Emanuel, son of Gideon E. and Sarah Fisher died April 16, 1892 Aged 1 month, 18 days.

Christina Lapp, wife of Benjamin B. Lapp died May 31,1892. Aged 40 years, 2 months and 16 days. Christina Lapp died very suddenly of heart failure, leaving a large family with the youngest child only six weeks old.

John Swartzentruber died June 15, 1892. Aged 40 years, 6 months, and 9 days.

Catherine Esch die November 5, 1892. Aged 85 years, 6 months, 15 days.

ZJacob Umble died November 5, 1892. Aged 70 years, 6 months 21 days.

Susan Umble died March 18,1893. Aged 69 years, 3 months, and 16 days.

Abram, son of John and Annie Swartzentruber died February 25, 1893. Aged 4 months, 26 days.

Amos, son of Gideon and Susan Stoltzfus died January 20, 1894. Aged 24 years, 1 month.

Elam, son of John and Annie Swartzentruber died April 25 1894 Aged 3 years, 8 months, and 13 days.

Mary Magdalena, daughter of John P. and Mattie Kennel died May 16, 1894, Aged 4 months, 22 days.

Peter, son of Amos E. and Mattie Stoltzfus died September 19, 1895. Aged 2 years, 4 days.

Infant son of Ezra and Leah Stoltzfus died May 1, 1896.

Levi, son of Gideon E. and Sarah Fisher died October 25, 1896. Aged 4 months, 14 days.

Elam, son of Simeon K. and Katie Stoltzfus died Feb. 6, 1897. Aged 6 years, 2 months, and 21 days.

Amos, son of Amos E. and Mattie Stoltzfus died March 30, 1898

Magdalena Engle died June 17, 1898. Aged 82 years, 6 months, 11days.

Elmer, son of Aaron and Sarah Stoltzfus died March 8, 1899. Aged 2 years, 8 months, and 12 days.

Ester daughter of John M. and Elizabeth Sotltzfus died April 14, 1899. Aged 1 month 8 days.

Aaron, son of Amos B. and Sarah Stoltzfus died May 9, 1899. Aged 4 years 2 months 15, days.

Salina, daughter of Amos B. and Sarah Stlotzfus died May 17, 1899.Aged 1 year, 10 months, and 15 days.

Rebecca Stoltzfus, wife of Preacher Daniel Stoltzfus died February 15. 1900. Aged 57 years, 4 days.

Agnes E. daughter of Daniel L. and Elizabeth Fisher died May 18, 1900. Aged 2 years, 3 months and 27 days.

Fanny Kennel, wife of Joseph Kennel died July 19, 1900. Aged 75 years, 3 months.

Marriages

Following are Marriages to January 1,1899, in order to draw a line we have taken some who have never been members of the church, but either husband or wife or both have at one time or been members or are at present members of the congregation.

John P. Kennel and Mary Mast married November 3, 1851.

Samuel L. Kauffman and Barbara Stoltzfus married February 3, 1851.

Samuel Lantz and Sarah Zook married December 23, 1858.

Peter Summers and Fannie Glick married March 3, 1860

Christian S. Umble and Elizabeth Swartzentruber married December 18, 1866.

Christian L. Kauffman and Rachel Stoltzfus married February 1, 1866.

Joseph E. Blank and Caroline Hertzler married March 12,1866.

Benj. B. Lapp and Christina Summers married Nov. 23, 1869.

Henry U. Stoltzfus and Malinda Stoltzfus married Feb. 1, 1870.

Benuel Mast and Sarah Stoltzfus married February 15, 1870.

Christian L. Fisher And Anna King married April 5, 1870.

John A. Umble and Mary Esch married December 1, 1874.

John P. Kennel and Mattie Glick married December 9, 1875.

Enos Blank and Barbara Petersheim married Dec. 14, 1875.

John Swartzentruber and Annie Deiner married Jan. 30, 1877.

John R,.Kennel and Sarah Deiner Married Dec. 24, 1878.

George J. Raum and Emma Kennel married December 17, 1878

John M. Petersheim and Elizabeth married Dec. 19, 1878.

Isaac K. Mast and Elizabeth Kauffman married Dec. 19, 1878.

Abram K. Stoltzfus and Susan Neuhauser married Dec.23,1879

Benj. K. Smoker and Lizzie Beiler married Jan. 4, 1881.

Christian Esch and Lydia Beiler married February 22, 1881.

Menno F. Kauffman and Ida Blank married December 25, 1881.

Christian E. Fisher and Nancy Kurtz married Dec. 29, 1881.

Daniel R. SMOKER AND Elizabeth Beiler married Jan. 3, 1882

Henry Summers and Rachel Stoltzfus married Dec. 19, 1882.

John K. Stoltzfus and Barbara Glick married Dec. 21, 1882.,

Daniel M. Petersheim and Annie Kennel married Dec.21, 1882.
By John P. Mast

S. E. allgyer and Priscilla Umble married Jan. 18, 1883.
By John P. Mast

Henry S. Zook and Elizabeth Stoltzfus married Dec. 20, 1883.
By John P. Mast

Henry Smuker and Anna Swartz married Dec. 25, 1883.

Benj. F. Summers and Katie Stoltzfus married Dec. 4, 1884.
By John P. Mast

John Fritz and Leah Stoltzfus married January 13, 1885.
By JOHN P. Mast

Benj. K. Kauffman And Mary Esch married Jan. 15, 1885.
By John P. Mast

Jonathon Loar and Lydia H. Glick married January 15, 1885
By john P. Mast

David H. Glick and Mary Mast married January 22, 1885.
By john P. Mast

John N. Mast andRachel Swartzentruber married Feb. 3, 1885.
By John P.Mast

Amos B.Smoker and Sallie K. Petersheim married Dec.16,1885

Amos Headings and Susie K. Petersheim married Dec.28,1885.

'amos E. Stoltzfus and Mattie Summers married Jan. 12, 1886.
By John P. Mast.

Amos B. Stoltzfus and Sarah Glick married December 16, 1886.

Gideon E. Fisher and Sarah Kauffman married Jan.25, 1887.

Henry Troyer and Anna Neuhauser married Jan. 27, 1887.
By John P. Mast.

Jonas U. Neuhauser and Malinda Mast married Feb. 1, 1887.
By John P. Mast.

Issac L. King and Anna Neuhauser married Jan. 27, 1887.
By John P,.Mast.

Isaac L. King and Katie Stuckey married Feb. 1, 1887.
By David Zook.

Christian L. Glick and Mattie Deiner married Nov. 15, 1887.

Aaron Stoltzfus and Sarah Kauffman married Dec. 22, 1887.

John M. Stoltzfus and Elizabeth Neuhauser married December 27, 1887. By John P. Mast.

David Summers And Barbara Mast married Jan. 19, 1888.
By John P. Mast.

Isaac K. Umble and Christina Lantz married March 19, 1889.

John K. Smoker and Elizabeth Beiler married Nov. 19, 1889.
By Benjamin Stoltzfus.

Rufus Stoltfus and Matilda Blank married Nov. 28, 1889.
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

Simeon K. Stoltzfus and Katie Glick married Dec. 19, 1889.

Samuel M. Petersheim and Barbara Kurtz married Jan.23,1890
by Gideon Stoltzfus .

Daniel S. Stoltzfus and Sue Stahl married Feb. 2, 1890.

Levi G. Riehl and Fannie Smoker Married Nov. 4, 1890.
By Samuel Lantz.

Joseph Neuhauser and Elizabeth Stoltzfus married August 25, 1891.

Benj. K. Stoltzfus and Nancy Hertzler married Dec. 10, 1891.

John S. Riehl and Lydia Kauffman married Dec. 17, 1891.

Levi M. Petersheim and Fannie Neuhauser maried Nov.26,1892
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

Emanuel Mast and Annie Blank married Dec. 29, 1892.
By Gideon Stoltzfus

Isaac Lantz and Rachel Petersheim married Jan. 5, 1893.
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

Benuel Mast and Rachel Spotts married Jan. 6, 1894.

Ezra Stoltzfus and Leah Lantz married March 1, 1894.
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

Christian E. Fisher and Rebecca Hartz married March 3, 1894.

Jascob Umble and Mary Detweiler married Dec. 23, 1894.

Samuel Glick and Salina Mast married January 8, 1895.
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

David Hooley and Salome Mast married Jan. 8, 1895
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

Joseph H. Blank and Mary Renno married February 3, 1895.
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

John E. Kauffman and Alice Neuauser married June 10, 1896.

Amos E. Neuhauser and Sadie Kauffman married Feb. 17, 1897
By Gideon Stoltzfus..

Daniel L. Fisher and Elizabeth Summers Married Feb. 18, 1897
By zGideon Stoltzfus.

John P. Lapp and Villette Conter married Dec. 10, 1897.

Christian Summers and Katie S. Kauffman married Dec.1,1898
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

Rufus Stoltzfus and Matilda Blank married Nov. 28, 1889.
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

Emanuel Mast and Annie Blank married Dec. 29, 1892.
By Gideon Stoltzfus.

Levi M. Petersheim and Fannie Neuhauser married November 26, 1892. By Gideon Stoltzfus.

Isaac Lantz from Kansas and Rachel K. Petersheim married January 5, 1893, by Gideon Stoltzfus.

Ezra Stoltzfus and Leah Lantz married March i, 1894.
By Gidein Stoltzfus.

Converts

Converts 1883, 1884, 1885.

John S. Riehl, Christian Summers,Aaron Stoltzfus, Rufus Petersheim, William Gross, Rufus Stoltzfus, Isaac Neuhauser, Samuel H. Glick Mattie Yoder, Elizabeth Neuhauser, Annie Neuhauser, Susie Petersheim, Christina Lantz, Lizzie Hertzler, Lydia Hertzler, I. M. Swartz, B. Z. Summers.

1886.

John Esch, Jacob Neuhauser, Ezra Stoltzfus, Jacob Umble, Salome Mast, Annie Blank, Matilda Blank, Elizabeth Summers.

1887

Levi G. Riehl, Henry Lantz, Sadie Neuhauser, Fannie Neuhauser.

1888.

Christian E. Yost, Daniel S. Stoltzfus, Katie O. Kauffman, Sadie Kauffman, Leah Lantz. Baptized By Gideon Stoltzfus.

1889

Samuel Glick, Amos Stoltzfus, Lydia A. Neuhauser, Lucinda Fisher. Baptized by Gideon Stoltzfus

1890

Joseph Neuhauser, Amos E. Neuhauser.

1891

John E. Kauffman, Jacob H. Blank, Emanuel Mast, John P. Lapp, Reter S. Lapp, John E. Yost, Ezra Renno Sue Stoltzfus, Malinda Hertzler. Baptized by Gideon Stoltzfus.

1892

Joseph Esch, Daniel C. Esch, Christian Y. Hertzler.
Baptized by Gideon Stoltzfus

1894

Benj. Esch, Amos Glick, Mary Renno, Mattie Esch, Levi E. Yost Betsey Blank, Mary Esch. Baptized by Gideon Stoltzfus.

1896

Sallie A. Blank, Susie E. Yost, Susie Yost. Baptized by Gideon Stoltzfus.

1897

Christian C. Glick, Amos S. Stoltzfus, Joseph Fisher, Samuel H. Blank, John K. Mast, Annie Beiler, Alice Kauffman, Mary S. Kauffman, Katie S. Stoltzfus. Baptized by Gideon Stoltzfus.

1898

Annie K. Mast, Lefena Stoltzfus, Sallie Yost, Mame Yost. Baptized By Gideon Stoltzfus.

MILLWOOD CHURCH HISTORY

A Century Mark

We quoted in last months article from private Millwood and Maple Grove history sheets, that Preacher Gideon Stoltzfus severed from the old Amish group in Lower Pequea. This is without a doubt the beginning of the Millwood congregation. A further quote from the same sheet says that one reason for severing was that this body wanted a church house, which is also true. It proves true that it was one reason but surely it was not the core which developed to cause a separation. Many other elements existed, and perhaps we could give a whole page from traditional notes, subjects which people have attached to reasons for the 1877 separation. These we will deliberately omit from these pages. Even though this schism is a hundred yhears away we do not intend to add fictions that may cause disaffection to our existing generation. However the truth will always stand and we can quote some subjects that are documental.

Although the meeting house theory is not the outstanding object in the Millwood history it does however leave logic bearing, as it is often included in the nationwide controversies that existed from 1862 to 1877†. In the period from 1820 to 1850, many later immigrants came to America and most of these settled in Western Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Canada. These emigrated from the Alsace regions of France, the Palatinate and a few from Holland. Many of those who came from the Palatinate were accustomed to meeting houses in Europe, and some other immigrants soon favored the meeting house plan. Unlike the early immigration movement to Berks County, Pennsylvania, these later movements most often consisted of a Bishop with a small or perhaps a broken congregation who settled near and at times within other newly established Amish communities which were mainly from Eastern Pennsylvania stock. It is estimated that over 60½ of these later migration settlements had a meeting house soon after they were established in America. So it is clear that the meeting house tdhing became an issue in mid-west settlements by the middle of the century. From the minutes of the June 9, 1862 *Dienner-versammlung* we can be sure that it was an issue then as Levi Miller of Walnut, Holmes County, Ohio, mentioned *grosse versammlungshouser* (large meeting houses) among his list of offenses.

The most outstanding issue stated in all *Dienner-versammlung* minutes of this time was baptism in the house versus in a stream which was generally referred to as the *wassertauff*. This issue was nearly always accompanied by the meeting house thing although they were seperatly dealt with in most communities.

The *wassertauff* thing seems to begin in Wayne County, Ohio first introduced to the Amish church by Bishop Jacob Yoder shortly after 1850. Although this mode of baptism was favored by a few ministers in several other western communities before this time it hardly became practdical until Jacob Yoder became bishop. Although Jacob Yoder was not successful in bringing this mode into the church and he was excommunicated from the main body early, it did leave an element that other bishops immitated and perhaps came to a climax in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, after a series of *Dienner-versammlung* and controverisies there, Bishop Solomon Beiler withdrew from the house Amish and shortly afterwards led a meeting house congregation. This *wassertauff* thing was hardly an issue in Lower Pequea although it is clear that a few Lancaster County ministers were sympathetic to the movement. An ardent delegate of Lancaster County was Deacon John Stoltzfus of Gap Pennsylvania, or known later as Tennessee John. Although John was not the only Lancaster County minister to attend these Wayne County, Ohio, series, he was the most active one as it appears on our records. In 1862 he was the only one listed in the minutes†. On June, 9, he was on a council committee to adjust differences between Elkhart County and LaGrange County, Indiana. He also forwarded a letter to the executive bishop John K. Yoder, Orrville, Ohio, which was sent from the Lower Pequea *gemeinde*, requesting return knowledge of the basis of the meeting. This is a clear indication that Lower Pequea brfethren had a deep interest in the meeting, and were most likely sympathetic toward the liberal movement in the west, fifteen years before the division. Although two other letters of like nature were presented to this 1862 meeting† (one from Iowa and one from Mifflin County, Pennsylvania) no other letter was sent from Lancaster or Berks Counties.

The second series of *Dienner-versammlung* were held in mifflin County, Pennsylvania, on May 25, 26, and 27. At this time John Stoltzfus, Gap, Pennsylvania, was again present and perhaps the most active, although David F. Stoltzfus of Gap Pennsylvania, and Jacob Stoltzfus, a brother to John, accompanied him, not one bishop of the Pequea or Conestoga districts attended and the reason is quite clear from the *Bishop David Beiler Letters*. As far as the Pequea bishops were concerned the *Allgemein Deinner-versammlung favored the* liberal movement. David Mast and John Mast of the Conestoga, were also present. The last series of these ministers' meetings were held in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania†, on May 31, June 1, 2, and 3, in 1868. Here again John Stoltzfus of Gap, Pennsylvania, was perhaps the most active. With him was his son Gideon (newly ordained), with John Stoltzfus of Groffdale and John P. Mast, Moses Hartz of Morgantown, and Christian Hertzler also of Conestoga. Time has proven that these ministers were sympathic to the liberal movement although John Stoltzfus, Groffdale, Pennsylvania, remained with the house Amish.

Other objects besides the *wassertauff* and meeting houses prevailed during these series of controversies from 1862 to 1868†. The *wassertauff* thing was well ruled out by the remaining Amish ministry by 1877. It is interesting to note that most of the offences listed in 1862 were soon readily tolerated by the Millwood Church, which gives evidence that many of the Lower Pequea brethren and perhaps John Stoltzfus and his son Gideon favored the liberal group from the beginning. John Stoltzfus moved to Tennessee in 1871 where his group soon afterwoard practiced more liberal modes. A few of the offenses listed in the 1862 minutes are lightning rods. Some of the

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KICK BY HORSE FATAL TO PA. YOUTH

Levi E. Beiler Jr., 17, Noble Road, Kirkwood R1, Pa., was killed instantly when he was kicked in the face by a horse pulling the buggy he was riding on Street Road in Colerain Township at about 12:05 a.m. Monday, February 7, while on the way home from a singing. With him at the time were Samuel A., 17, and Rachel S. Stoltzfus, 16, son and daughter of Pre. John B. Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1. He was pronounced dead at the scene, death was due to a fractured neck. (See obituary)

HORSE RUNS INTO TRAIN AT ARTHUR, ILL.

Reuben, 18, son of Amzy Kaufman, was on his way home from the singing shortly after midnight Sunday night, February 6th. When crossing the railroad tracks a train was going and was over half way past, but the horse ran right into the train, throwing the buggy and breaking the shafts. The horse died shortly afterwards, otherwise not much damage was done to the buggy or driver.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Kokomo, Indiana

Mattie Irene, age 3 years, daughter of Jonas Miller's underwent serious hip and pelvis surgery at Riley Children's Hospital. She can't walk alone.

CHILD BURNED WHEN CLOTHES CAUGHT FIRE

Phoebe, two-year-old daughter of David and Rebecca Hostetler, received severe burns Monday, February 14, while her mother was out in the milk house. The older children tried to put baler twine on the fire. Phoebe was in her crib near the stove and somehow her clothing caught fire from the twine. She was rushed to Sacred Heart Hospital in Cumberland, Maryland, with third degree burns, and was coming along as good as can be expected, but will have a long hospital stay.

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NORFOLK, NEW YORK, ACCIDENTS

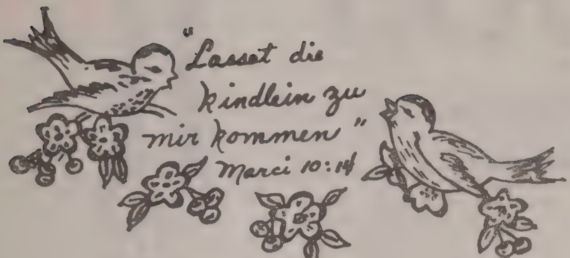
Sam Graber received a dislocated shoulder on Saturday, February 19, when he went around a corner too fast and fell out onto the ice from a chair he had on a sled. He was in church the next day with his arm in a sling but later went to the hospital to have it operated on.

Daniel, 10-year-old son of Daniel and Sarah Schwartz, was kicked in the forehead by a shod horse the morning of February 19th. He had led two horses to drink and apparently one had struck toward the other, hitting Daniel instead. He was taken to Massena Hospital where he spent a few days, then was transferred to Watertown to a brain specialist. He underwent surgery to take out some bone chips and push the bone forward in place, and was released on March 1st.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Lancaster County, Pa.

Jonas, nine-month-old son of John Z. Fisher's, Maple Shade Rd., Kirkwood R1, Pa., underwent an unusual operation at a Philadelphia hospital. The parents and grandparents noticed that he does not seem to see out of his one eye. After being examined by a family doctor and an eye specialist he was sent to Philadelphia where they removed his one eye. A cancerous tumor was found in the eye. Various tests have been taken over his body to detect anything else, but nothing else has been found. An artificial eye was put in. The child is happy and contented and did not seem to suffer from the operation.

Pre. Daniel E. Lapp, of Strasburg R1, was sent to the hospital Thursday morning, March 3, after he was hit by a car ½ mile north of Strasburg on Rt. 896. A car started to pass, saw another car coming, and tried to swerve back again, hitting his wagon in the side. Daniel had a small bone broken in both legs and had a cut on the back of his head. The horse was killed. After twelve days in the hospital he was sent home with both legs in a cast.


"Lasset die kindlein zu mir kommen"
Marci 10:14

BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Elias (Verna Glick) Ronks R1 a son MARK, February 22

BEILER, Jacob (Emma King) Ronks R2 a son AARON, February 9

ESCH, John (Lydia Zook) New Providence R1 a son JESSE B., February 27

ESCH, Jonas (Malinda King) New Providence R2 a daughter MALINDA K., February 11

ESH, Daniel S. (Annie A. Beiler) Ronks R2 a son ELI MERRILL, February 26

ESH, John (Sara Smucker) Narvon R1 a son ELMER K., February 7

FISHER, Allen (Priscilla Lapp) Ronks R2 a son JOHN DAVID, February 9

FISHER, Isaac K. (Rebecca Beiler) Peach Bottom R2 a daughter SADIE, February 11

FISHER, Samuel (Barbara King) Paradise R1 a daughter BARBARA ANN, February 22

GLICK, Isaiah (Ariana Stoltzfus) 2409 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster, a son TOBIAS S., February 27

KAUFFMAN, Christian S. (Mattie King) Honey Brook R2, a daughter BARBARA K., February 2

KING, Amos B. (Katie S. Esh) Christiana R1 a son ISAAC E., February 15

KING, Amos K. (Rachel Smucker) Narvon R1 a son AMOS J., February 7

KING, David B. (Anna S. Riehl) Honey Brook R2 a daughter ROSANNA R., February 24

KING, Stephen S. (Arie Stoltzfus) Christiana R1 a son ENOS S., February 14

LANTZ, David P. (Emma Miller) Gordonville R1 a son JOHN M., February 11

LAPP, Amos F. (Mamie Kauffman) Leola R1 a daughter BARBARA K., February 19

LAPP Eli K. (Katie Blank) Ronks R2 a son JACOB, February 13

MILLER, Lloyd C. (Susie S. Allgyer) 413 Gridley Rd., Lancaster, a son Jonathan Z., February 15

PETERSHEIM, Emanuel (Annie Stoltzfus) Paradise R1 a daughter SARAH S., February 8

SMUCKER, David S. (Emma Stoltzfus) East Earl R2 a son SAMUEL L., February 8

STOLTZFUS, Amos L. (Katie S. Esh) Kinzers R1 a daughter KATIE E., February 23

STOLTZFUS, David (Lena Glick)Gordonville R1 a daughter SARA G., February 18

STOLTZFUS, Gideon (Barbara Fisher) Gap R2 a daughter MIRIAM F., February 18

STOLTZFUS, Henry R. (Sylvia G. Blank) Kirkwood R1 a daughter MARY B., February 21

STOLTZFUS, John Z. (Rachel S. Blank) Gap R1 a daughter ANNA B., February 20

STOLTZFUS, Leroy (Lena K. Lapp) New Providence R2, a son DAVID L., February 25

STOLTZFUS, Levi F. (Mary R. Miller) Kirkwood R1 a daughter SUSIE M., February 23

STOLTZFUS, Moses K. (Leah K. King) Ronks R2 a daughter MARY K., February 3

STOLTZFUS, Samuel (Ruth Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a daughter MIRIAM B., February 2

STOLTZFUS, Samuel M. (Barbara S. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a son SAMUEL M. JR., February 19

STOLTZFUS, Stephen S. (Malinda S. Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a daughter LENA, February 9

ZOOK, Benjamin (Elizabeth Stoltzfus) East Earl R1 a daughter SUSIE M., February 23

Dover, Delaware

Mast, Samuel D. (Lena Miller) Dover 2, a daughter **Mary Ann**, February 14.

Miller, Adam M. (Sadie Miller) Clayton, a son **Neal**, February 7.

Miller, Homer M. (Lydia Byler) Dover R5, a daughter **Lizzie Ann**, February 7.

Miller, John H. (Sarah Ann Swartzentruber) Dover 2, a daughter **Fannie Mae**, February 21.

Miller, Mose A. (Lydiann Miller) Wyoming R1, a son **Mose Jr.**, February 20.

Miller, Simon B. (Rebecca Hershberger) Dover R2, a son **Raymond**, February 24.

St Marys Co., Maryland

Fisher, Stephen (Sarah Yoder) Mechanicsville a daughter **Barbara**, February 12.

Swarey, Christie (Rebecca Byler) Mechanicsville, a daughter **Annie**, February 28.

Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania

Lapp, David F. (Sylvia Zook) Myerstown R2, a son **Moses**, February 23.

Smoker, Benuel B. (Naomi Peachey) Myerstown R3, a son **Stevie**, February 26.

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Clinton Co., Pennsylvania

Esh, Reuben (Malinda Fisher) Loganton R1, a daughter, **Katie**, January 28.

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania

Peachey, Daniel (Susie Swarey) Belleville, a son **Levi**, February 14.

Peachey, Shem (Barbara Zook) Belleville. a daughter **Annie**, February 12.

Swarey, Henry (Emma Peachey) Belleville, a daughter **Regina**, February 22.

Yoder, David (Matilda Peachey) Belleville, a son **Kore**, January 29.

Path Valley, Pennsylvania

Yoder, John (Malinda Stoltzfus) a son **Samuel**, Feb. 18

Oakland, Maryland

Hostetler, Dan (Fannie Miller) a daughter **Regina Faith**, February 1.

Miller, Ray (Rachel Hostetler) a son **Naaman Eugene**, February 19.

Mercer Co., Pennsylvania

Byler, Elmer J. (Saloma Coblentz) a daughter **Barbara**, January 15.

Byler, John A. (Mary Coblentz) a daughter **Clara**, January 20.

Byler, Mose A. (Lydia Coblentz) a son **Andy**, Feb. 22

Coblentz, Eli D. (Katie Detweiler) a daughter **Amanda**, February 15.

Hochstetler, Harvey J. (Katie Byler) a daughter **Betty**, January 20.

Geauga Co., Ohio

Hochstetler, Sam S. (Barbara Byler) Middlefield R2, a daughter, February 22.

Hostetler, John A. (Lizzie Byler) Middlefield R2, a daughter **Mary**, February.

Kempf, Harvey J. (Katie Miller) Middlefield R2, a daughter **Mattie**, February 21.

Miller, Albert A. (Betty Byler) Middlefield R2, a son **Allen**, February 16.

Miller, Dan H. (Agnes Miller) Middlefield R3, a son **Joseph**, February 15.

Miller, Daniel A. (Malinda Fisher) Middlefield R2, a son, February 12, died February 13.

Miller, Raymond C. (Loma Mae Gingerich) Burton R2 a daughter **Mahala**.

SLABAUGH, John H. (Mary Gingerich) Middlefield R3 a daughter **Rosanna**, February 22.

Stutzman, Robert J. (Emma Wengerd) Middlefield R1 a son **Nelson**, February.

Weaver, Joe J. (Katie Miller) Middlefield R1, a daughter **Betty**, February.

Wayne Co., Ohio

Hershberger, Crist (Barbara Troyer) Orrville R2 a son February 24.

Hershberger, Roy L. (Anna Miller) Apple Creek R2, a son **John**, February 16.

Miller, Ben A. (Elizabeth Wengerd) Fredericksburg R2 a daughter **Emma**. February 13.

Miller, David (Katie Wengerd) Fredericksburg, R2, a daughter **Susan**, January 20.

Miller, Levi J. D. (Ada Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a daughter **Fannie**, January 30.

Miller, Vernon M. (Ada Troyer) Apple Creek R2, a son, February 21.

Miller, Wayne J. (Clara Miller) Dalton R2, a son **Aden**, February 4.

Miller, Willis (Miriam Yoder) Dundee R1, a son **Dennis**, February 25.

Raber, Andy M. (Elsie Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a son **Mark**, February 15.

Schlabach, Demas (Mary Weaver) Apple Creek, R1, a son **Marvin**, February 2.

Troyer, Aden (Clara Weaver) Fredericksburg, R2, a daughter **Edna**, February 21.

Troyer, Eli C. (Drusilla Yoder) Apple Creek R1, a son **Crist**, January 30.

Wengerd, Abe (Verna Miller) Dundee R1, a daughter **Lydia**, January 6.

Yoder, Aden M. (Ada H. Weaver) Navarre R3, a child in February.

Yoder, Jacob E. (Mary Hershberger) Apple Creek R2 a son **Jacob Jr.**, January 19.

Holmes County, Ohio

Beachy, Marlin H. (Kiem) Fredericksburg R2, a son, February 6.

Burkholder, Roy J. (Mary Yoder) Millersburg R5, a daughter, January 12.

Erb, John L. (Katie Miller) Sugar Creek R1, a daughter **Mary Ellen**, February 10.

Hershberger, Roy L. (Anna Yoder) Fredericksburg R2 a son, February 16.

Hochstetler, Raymond E. (Susan Miller) Fredericksburg a son **Raymond Jr.**, January 25.

Kauffman, Ferman N (Louella Borntrager) Sugar Creek a daughter **Frieda**, February 20.

Kiem, Leroy A. (Lydia Ann Yoder) Millersburg, a daughter in February.

Mast, Levi J. (Irene Troyer) Mt. Hope, a son **Duane**, February 5.

Miller, Abe W. (Clara Miller) Millersburg R4, a son **Daniel**, January 23.

Miller, Andy E. (Clara Hershberger) Millersburg R5, a son, February 19.

Miller, Ben M. (Verna Yoder) Millersburg R4, a daughter **Anna Mae**, February 6.

Miller, Daniel I (Mary Yoder) Sugar Creek R2, a son **Robert**, January 31.

Miller, John W. (Marlene Boley) Dundee, a son February 16.

Miller, Levi R. (Martha Beachy) Dundee R2, a son, January 25.

Miller, Levi S. (Lydia Schlabach) fredericksburg R1, a son **Chriss**, February 3.

Miller, Yost J. (Fannie Hershberger) Millersburg R4, a daughter **Mary Betty**, January 22.

Raber, Abe A. Jr. (Esther Miller) Baltic, a daughter **Edna**, February 16.

Shetler, Milton V. (Mary N. Mast) Millersburg R5, a son **Wayne**, February 1.

Troyer, David (Fannie Yoder) Big Prairie R1, a daughter, February 9.

Troyer, Floyd E. (Mary Troyer) Millersburg R4, a son **Reuben**, February 10.

Troyer, Roy A. (Susan Hostetler) Millersburg R4, a daughter **Rosanna**, January 4.

Weaver, Roman B. (Effie Gingerich) Fredericksburg, 2 a son **Mervin**, February 6.

Yoder, Albert M. (Malinda Yoder) Millersburg R4, a daughter **Amanda**, February 3.

Yoder, Dan J. (Clara Bowman) Millersburg R4, a son **Nelson**, January 5.

Yoder, Dan N. D. (Ella Stutzman) Millersburg R4, a daughter **Ada**, January 7.

Yoder Henry B. (Mary Troyer) Millersburg R4, a daughter **Emma**, February 14.

Yoder, Ivan L. (Sue Coblentz) Millersburg R5, a daughter **Ina**, January 21.

Yoder, Levi (Mattie Raber) Big Prairie R1, a son **David**, February 23.

Norfolk, New York

Schwartz, Dan (Sarah Eicher) Norfolk R1, a daughter **Barbara**, January 29.

Centreville, Mighigan

Yoder, Glen E. (Emma Eash) Centreville R1, a son **Joni Lamar**, February 17.

Adams Co., Indiana

Christner, Enos C. (Rebecca T. Schwartz) Berne R2, a daughter **Rebecca**, February 2.

Eicher, Ben J. (Clara N. Schwartz) Berne R2, a son **Joseph**, February 9.

Eicher, Clarence (Salome Wickey) Monroe R1, a daughter **Loretta Sue**, February 24.

Girod, Reuben J. (Emma U. Schwartz) Berne R2, a son **Nathaniel**, February 8.

Graber, Reuben J. (Barbara Ann Hochstetter) Geneva a daughter **Mary**, February 4.

Hilty, Jerome A. (Bertha L. Miller) Berne R1, a daughter **Leona**, February 13.

Hilty, John S. (Lydia R. Graber) Geneva R2, son **Christian**, January.

Miller, Elmer L. (Laura Hilty) Monroe R1, a daughter **Wilma**, February 2.

Schmidt, Enos (Adeline Wickey) Monroe R1, a son **Reuben**, February 23.

Schwartz, John N. (Susie Troyer) Monroe R1, a son **John Jr.**, February 9.

Schwartz, John P. (Rachel Graber) Geneva R2, a daughter **Martha**, February 14.

Schwartz, Jonas W. (Katie M. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a son **Jonas Jr.**, February 7.

Shetler, Sam M. (Amanda N. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a daughter **Mary Ann**, February 22.

Allen Co., Indiana

Graber, Samuel (Clara Mae Schmucker) Twins **Andrew &Anna**, February 1.

Graber, Christy (Eileen Zehr) a son **Daniel**, February 4.

Graber, Mervin (Margaret Schwartz) a son **Joah**, January 26.

Lenacher, Joseph (Marie Schmucker) a son **James**, February 25.

Schmucker, Christ (Annabelle Zehr) a son **Christ Jr.**, January 20.

Steury, Joseph (Kathryn Schmucker) a daughter **Anna Mae**, November 15.

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Beechy, Marvin (Amanda Schrock) LaGrange R4, a daughter **Freida**, February 15.

Bontrager, Ervin (Ida Mae Miller) LaGrange R4, a daughter **Miriam E.**, February

Fry, David (Mattie Yoder) Ligonier R3, a son **Freeman D.**, January 22.

Gingerich, Freeman (Clara Helmuth) Topeka R1, a son **Jay Dean**, January 25.

Hochstedler, Andrew (Carrie Kuhns) LaGrange R1, a son **Samuel A.**, February 19.

Mast, Perry (Katie Petersheim) Topeka R1, a daughter **Elsie P.**, January 27.

Miller, Alvin (Lydia Yoder) Topeka R2, a daughter **Sara Jean**, February 14.

Miller, David (Anna Miller) LaGrange R4, a son **Aaron Wayne**, January 26.

Miller, Herman (Emma Mullet) Wolcottville R2, a daughter **Sara Mae**, February 7.

Miller, Martin (Esther Miller) LaGrange R4, a daughter **Doris Ann**, February 5.

Miller, Wilbur and (Carolyn Miller) Millersburg R1, a son **Lloyd W.**, January 25.

Miller, Wilbur (Mattie Miller) LaGrange R4, a son **Elmer W.**, January 27.

Miller, William (Edna Bontrager) Topeka R2, a son **Calvin W.**, February 10.

Petersheim, Menno (Ida Gingerich) LaGrange R3, a daughter **Ruth M.**, February 15.

Yoder, Freeman (Susie H. Miller) LaGrange R4, a daughter **JoAnna F.**, January 31.

Yoder, Harley (Anna Chupp) Millersburg R1, a daughter **Leora H.**, January 27.

Elkhart Co., Indiana

Bontrager, David (Katie Bontrager) Goshen, a son, February 16.

Byler, Noah (Caroline Schwartz) Middlebury, a daughter, January 27.

Lambright, Christy (Carolyn Gingerich) Middlebury, a daughter **Edna**, February 15.

Lambright, Freeman (Susan Bontrager) Middlebury, a son **Marion**, February 10.

Lambright, Jerry (Lydia Ann Steury) Middlebury, a daughter **Saloma**, February 11.

Miller, Sam H. (Mary Ellen Lehman) Middlebury, a daughter **Ida Mae**, February 9.

Schrock, David (Elnora Yoder) Shipshewana R2, a s

a daughter **Nancy Kay**, January 31.

Miller, Melvin (Clara S. Kauffman) a son **John**, February.

Stutzman, Jake (Mary Ann Miller) a son February 18.

Ethridge, Tennessee

Hostetler, Menno J. (Wilma Mast) a son **John**, February 11.

Marshfield, Missouri

Yoder, Noah (Fannie Yutzy) a son **Roy**, February 13.

Jamesport, Missouri

Mast, Alvin Jr. (Emma Yoder) a son **Merlin Jay**, February 3.

Miller, Urie (Martha Graber) a daughter **Rebecca**, February 17.

Schrock, Lloyd (Leona Yoder) a daughter, **Katherine**, February 17.

Johnson Co., Iowa

Gingerich, Rudy (Mary Ann Schlabach) a son **Merle Dean**, February 12.

Helmuth, Mahlon (Ruth Ann) a dau. **Sarah**, Feb. 14.

Miller, Henry T. (Edna Mast) a dau. **Rosanna**, Feb. 3.

Miller, Monroe (Freida Mast) a son **Fred**, feb. 7.

Miller, Minister Neal (Anna Marie Miller) a daughter **Dorothy**, February 6.

Swartz, John Harvey (Fannie Mae Burkholder) a son **James**, January 30.

Yoder, Cephas (Emma Yoder) a dau. **Rosetta**, Feb. 13

Buchanan Co., Iowa

Gingerich, Eli (Anna Schmucker) Hazleton a son, February 14.

Lambright, Harvey (Mary Hostetler) Hazleton, a son **Jonas**, January 24.

Miller, Raymond, (Martha Gingerich) Hazleton, a daughter **Susan**, February 2.

Mullet, Emanuel (Mattie Nisly) Fairbank, a daughter **Katie**, January 26.

Yutzy David (Katie Shetler) Fairbank, a son **Dan**, February 2.

Medford, Wisconsin

Mast, Jonas (Katie T. Borntreger) a daughter, Feb.

Miller, Edwin (Edna Borntrager) a daughter **Freida**, February 9.

Troyer, Moses (Katie Miller) a son **Allan M.**, Feb. 27

Yoder, Chrissie (Marie Schrock) a son **Enos**, Feb. 9.

Wilton, Wisconsin

Yoder, Merle G. (Sarah Miller) a son **William**, February 17.

Cashton, Wisconsin

Miller, Melvin G. (Ada Borntreger) a son **Gideon**, March 1.

Canton, Minnesota

Hershberger, Mose J. (Fannie Hershberger) a daughter **Rachel**, January 22.

Milverton, Ontario

Jantzi, Dan (Sarah) a dau. **Elizabeth**, February 23.

Jantzi, Joe L. (Saloma) Twin daughters, February 28.

Kuepfer, Allan (Emmalene) a son **Matthew Joel**, January 28.

Kuepfer, Joseph (Selena) a son **Mervin Allan**, Jan. 25

Kuepfer, Lorne (Ruth Jantzi) a daughter **Martha**, February 2.

Norwich, Ontario

Hertzler, Amos (Rebecca Shetler) Mt. Elgin R1, a daughter **Lovina**, January 13.

Miller, Albert M. (Katie L. Stutzman) Norwich R3, a son **Moses**, December 18.

Stutzman, Jacob L. (Mary L. Miller) Norwich R1, a son **Levi**, December 29.

Aylmer, Ontario

Hochstetler, Gerald (Ruthann Miller) a son **Nathan**, February 1.

MARRIAGES

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Glick, Lapp – Widower Amos S. Glick of 88 Geist Rd., Lancaster, to Widow Susie Lapp of 2471 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster, February 24th.

Ebersol, Fisher – Widower Alvin Ebersol, Butter Rd., Leola, to Mary, daughter of Samuel E. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Old Phila. Pike, Ronks, February 3, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus of Groffdale.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

Troyer, Yoder - Harvey, son of Dan and Lizzie (Hochstetler) Troyer, Mercer, to Mary, daughter of Menno and Saloma (Coblentz) Yoder, Guys Mills, Feb. 3

Cochranton, Pennsylvania

Troyer, Yoder - Harvey, son of Bishop Dan and Lizzie Troyer, Mercer, to Mary, daughter of Menno and Saloma Yoder, Cochranton, Feb. 3.

Adams County, Indiana

Gingerich, Schwartz - Andy D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gingerich, Geneva 2, to Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ E. Schwartz, Geneva, Feb. 3.

Gingerich, Schwartz - Andy D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gingerich, Geneva, and Edith B., dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Christ E. Schwartz, Geneva, Feb. 3.

Schwartz, Wickey - Andy K., son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi K. Schwartz, Geneva 2, to Rosie, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jacob R. Wickey, Geneva, Feb. 24.

Schwartz, Yoder - Noah M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Schwartz, Monroe 1, to Clara J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Yoder, Kendenville, Jan. 31.

Holmes County, Ohio

Hershberger, Byler - Dan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Hershberger, to Susie, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Miller) Byler, February 10, by Bishop John A. Miller.

Miller, Yoder - Roy, son of Levi M. Miller, to Arlene, daughter of Jonas R. Yoders, Dec. 2, by Bishop Melvin Raber.

Schlabach, Troyer - Emanuel, son of Bishop Dan E. and Fannie (Yoder) Schlabach, to Mary Esther, daughter of Deacon Ivan J. and Gladys (Miller) Troyer, Feb. 3, by the grooms father.

Allen County, Indiana

Graber, Graber - Edwin, son of Elmer and Mary (Schmucker) Graber, to Lucy, daughter of Joseph and Lillie (Miller) Graber, Feb. 2, by Bishop Noah Eicher.

Hilty, Graber - Lewis, son of Menno and Mary Alice (Miller) Hilty, to Ruth, daughter of Joseph and Lillie (Miller) Graber, Feb. 10, by Bishop Sam C. Graber.

Steury, Steury - James, son of Enos and Anna Mae (Brandenberger) Steury, to Mary, daughter of LaVern and Irene (Delagrange) Steury, Camden, Michigan, Feb. 17, by Bishop Levi R. Graber.

Jamesport, Missouri

Hostetler, Troyer - Chester, son of Bishop and Mrs. Simon Hostetler, to Irene, daughter of Minister and Mrs. Ferman Troyer, February 3.

Johnson County, Iowa

Miller, Beachy - Sanford, son of Edwin Ray and Ada Miller, to Sylvia, daughter of Earl and Mary (Bender) Beachy, Feb. 10, by Bishop Jonas J. Beachy.

Buchanan County, Iowa

Helmuth, Gingerich - Rudy, son of Mrs. Jonas Helmuth, to Lydia, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Ed Gingerich, by Bishop Eli Raber, Hazleton.

Canton, Minnesota

Miller, Miller - Menno, son of Peter W. Miller, to Edna, daughter of Dennis E. Millers, Jan. 13, by Bishop John A. Miller, Dundee, Ohio.

Grey County, Ontario

Gingerich, Yoder - Levi, son of Enos E. Gingerich, Tennessee, to Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Yoder, Feb. 17, by Bishop Sam L. Swartzentruber.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Lancaster Co., Pa.

Amos C. Fisher, of Strasburg R1, was injured Thursday, March 3, at 3:30 p.m. when his wagon was hit in the side by a speeding car 1½ miles south east of Strasburg. He was treated at the Eastbrook Health Center and released. The horse had to be destroyed.

Aaron K. Fisher, 36, south of Intercourse, broke a few ribs when a car bumped his spring wagon, throwing him off against the wagon wheel.

Sadie, 21, daughter of Elam and Rachel King of Strasburg R1, broke her ankle at two places while ice skating February 6th. They operated on it that evening yet. She is coming along slowly.

Dea. Abner S. Glick, of Georgetown, spent six days in the hospital after being shot through the thigh with a 22 bullet fired by his brother. The men wanted to kill a hog and Abner happened to be in line of fire when the hog turned her head, only hitting her through the ear.

OBITUARIES

BEILER, Levi E., 17, Kirkwood R1, Pa.

was killed instantly Sunday night, February 6th, when he was kicked by a horse (see front page). Born in Kirkwood, he was a son of Levi and Rachel (Esh) Beiler. Surviving with the parents are these brothers and sisters: Jacob, Kirkwood; Elam, Christiana R1; Ezra, Loganton; Christ, Quarryville R2; Sarah, wife of Marcus Beiler, Holtwood R2; Lena, wife of David King, Peach Bottom R1; Annie, Alvin, and Jonas, at home; and a grandfather, Ezra Beiler, Ronks R1.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 9, at the home of John A. Lapp, by Christ B. Riehl and Bishop Jonas Ebersol. Burial was at Fisher's Cemetery, Bartville. His age was 17 yr., 11 mo., and 6 days.

BONTREGER, Menno J., 95, Middlebury R2, Ind.

died Wednesday, January 26, in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Samuel (Anna) Schrock of Middlebury R2, following a six-week illness. Born in LaGrange County March 8, 1881, he spent most of his life three miles east of Middlebury, and resided in North Dakota for six years. He was married in 1903 to Susie Miller, who preceded him in death April 21, 1965. Surviving are two sons, Elmer M. of LaGrange R4, and Eli M. of Middlebury; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel (Anna) Schrock of Middlebury R2, and Mrs. Henry N. (Molly) Miller of Middlebury; 46 grandchildren; 113 great-grandchildren, and two brothers, John K. and Levi N. Bontreger of Sarasota, Florida.

Funeral services were postponed twice due to snow, and were held one week after his death, in the home of Mrs. Mary Lehman, three miles east of Middlebury, by Bishop Ray W. Miller and Pre. Samuel Bontrager. Burial was in the Naylor Cemetery.

BYLER, Gertie A., 63, Wyoming R1, Delaware

died February 28 at the age of 63 yr., 11 mo., and 20 days. She had a stroke on February 15th and was taken to the hospital where she died 13 days later after much suffering. She was born March 8, 1913, and was married December 8, 1932, to Andy R. Byler, who survives. They lived in matrimony 43 yr., 11 mo., and 26 days. Surviving with the husband are three sons and seven daughters, Reuben of Dover, married to Emma S. Byler; Samuel of LeRaysville, Pa., married to Sarah R. Miller; Lydia of Kenton, married to Rudy S. Byler; Esther on the home farm, married to John H. Miller; Rosa of Milton, Iowa, married to Neal A. Byler; Fannie of Kenton, married to Mahlon S. Byler; Elizabeth of Dover, married to Noah J. Yoder; Gertrude of Dover, married to Jonas J. King; Andy Jr. of LeRaysville, Pa., married to Rhoda D. Yoder, and Katie of Dover, married to Deacon Manilius Ray Miller.

Funeral services were held in the big house and at Roman Troyer's on March 3rd, by Pre. Roman E. Troyer, David E. Miller of Ohio, and Bishop John J. Yoder, Pre. Jonas I. Yoder and Henry Detweiler Jr.

CHUPP, Mrs. Mary Ann (Miller), Nappanee R2, Ind.

died in Pinecraft, Sarasota, Florida, February 11. She was born at Arthur, Illinois, November 5, 1907, and was married January 19, 1928, to Floyd Chupp, who survives. Surviving with her husband are five sons, Elmer of Elkhart, John, Dan, William, and Lamar, all of Nappanee; five daughters, Miss Edna Chupp of Harrison, Arkansas, Mrs. Perry (Katie) Bontrager of Shipshewana, Mrs. Melvin (Anna Mae) Stutzman of Nappanee, Mrs. Lee (Elva) Helmuth and Miss Martha Chupp, both of Etna Green, Indiana; forty-one grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; one brother, Eli Miller of Arthur, Illinois, and two sisters, Mrs. Joni D. (Sovilla) Gingerich and Mrs. Levi (Lydia Ann) Slabaugh, both of Nappanee. Her parents, one brother, and two sisters preceded her in death.

HILTY, Menno E., 51, Apple Creek R2, Ohio

died Saturday, February 12, at his home after a long illness of cancer. Born in Berne, Indiana, December 3, 1925, he was a son of the late Peter and Emma (Schwartz) Hilty, and was married December 11, 1947, to Katie Ann Wengard, who survives. Also surviving are five daughters, Mrs. John (Anna) Byler of Holmesville R1, Mrs. Levi (Clara) Shetler of Fredericksburg R1, Mrs. Dan E. (Emma) Hershberger of Apple Creek R2, and Edna and Laura of the home; two sons, Irvin and Marvin, both at home; four grandchildren; a step-mother, Mrs. Peter (Elizabeth) Hilty of Berne, Ind.; four sisters, Mrs. Lydia Schwartz of Bowling Green, Mo., Mrs. Mary Schwartz and Mrs. Alma Schwartz, both of Monroe, Ind., and Emma Hilty of Berne, Ind.; two step-sisters, Mrs. Emma Wickey of Berne, Ind., and Mrs. Fannie Schwartz of Geneva, Ind.; three brothers, Joseph E. and Daniel E., both of Monroe, Ind., and Levi E. of Holmesville R1; three half brothers, William Hilty of Berne, Ind., and Amos and Joni Hilty, both of Geneva, Ind., and a step-brother, Toby Swartzentruber of Geneva, Ind. He was preceded in death by three sisters, a half sister, a brother, three half brothers, and two sons.

HOCHSTETLER, Manassas I., 94, Nappanee R2, Ind.

died February 24th at the age of 94 years and 17 days. He was born February 7, 1883, and was never married. He spent almost his entire life in the Nappanee area, and was a carpenter by trade.

LAPP, Mrs. Ada M., 70, Gordonville R1, Pa.

died Monday, February 14, at 3 a.m. at home following a lengthy illness. Born in Upper Leacock Township, she was a daughter of the late Henry and Rebecca (Stoltzfoos) Stoltzfus, and was the wife of David Y. Lapp. In addition to her husband, she is survived by nine children, Henry S. Lapp, Gap R1; Rebecca, wife of David H. Beiler, Gordonville R1; Sara, wife of Joseph S. Stoltzfus, New Holland R1; Eli S. Lapp, Akron; Naomi, wife of Levi A. Esh, Ronks R1; Katie, wife of Amos S. Lapp, Strasburg R1; Leon S. Lapp, Gap R1; Benuel S. Lapp, and Lena, wife of Benuel K. King, both of Gordonville R1; 32 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters, Rachel, wife of Samuel E. King, Leola R1; Sadie, wife of Benuel Smucker, Lancaster, and Naomi, wife of Elam S. Glick, Leola R1, and one brother, Eli B. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1. Two sons, David and Emanuel, and a daughter, Anna Mary, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 16, at 11:30 a.m., at the Katie K. Lapp residence, by Pre. Elam B. Stoltzfoos and Pre. Elam Zook, hymn read by Dea. Jacob Zook; burial in Myers Cemetery, hymn read by Dea. Eli King, abschied by Pre. Samuel King.

MILLER, Enos E., 58, Kidron, Ohio

died February 22nd of cancer. He was born near Berlin September 1, 1918, to Enos M. and Elizabeth (Miller) Miller, and was married March 4, 1943, to Katie Erb, who survives. Also surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Eli (Lillian) Wengerd and Mrs. Alvin (Mary) Hostetler, both of Kidron, Mrs. Vernon (Esther) Hochstetler of Dalton R2, and Miriam and Cathy, both at home; a son, Lester of Kidron; ten grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Adam (Mary Ann) Miller of Dundee R1 and Mrs. Ezra (Clara) Wengerd of Sarasota, Fla.; and two brothers, Mose of Conewango Valley, N.Y. and John of Dalton R1.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 25, in the home of Harry Y. Yoder of Apple Creek R1, by Bishop Ervin Weaver.

MILLER, Freddie H., 34, Christiana R1, Pa.

died at Phoenixville Hospital on Saturday, February 19th. He had been a guest at the Penn Hurst School. Born in Dover, Delaware, he was a son of the late Harry A. and Mary (Riehl) Miller. Surviving are his stepmother, Mrs. Sadie Miller, Leola; four brothers, Ephraim H. Miller, Christiana R1; Ammon H. Miller, Rebersburg, Pa.; Elmer H. Miller, Christiana R1, and Christ H. Miller, Manheim; two half-sisters and a half-brother, Mrs. Linda Ruth Cox, David Mark Miller, and Susan Miller, all of Leola.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 22, at 11:30 a.m. at the Ephraim H. Miller home, by Pre. John K. Stoltzfus and Pre. Moses Blank, hymn read by Tobe Stoltzfus; burial at Georgetown Cemetery, hymn read by Pre. Ephraim Riehl.

MILLER, Mary P., infant, Apple Creek, Ohio

daughter of Paul M. and Betty A. (Hershberger) Miller of 6767 Kidron Rd., was stillborn Thursday evening, January 27, at Wooster Community Hospital. Surviving in addition to the parents are two sisters, Leanna and Eva, both of the home, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe J. C. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Hershberger, of Apple Creek R1.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, January 29, at 9 a.m. at the Hershberger Cemetery in Paint Twp., Wayne County, by Pre. Wayne J. Miller.

MILLER, Noah D., 70, Wilmot, Ohio

died January 30th in Country Lawn Nursing Home at Harmon after a long illness. He was born in Holmes County to Dan S. and Fannie Miller. In 1930 he was married to Anna Raber, who died in 1964. Surviving are two daughters and three sons.

Funeral services were held at his brother's home near Charm, by Bishop Jacob Miller and Bishop Abe Hochstetler.

MILLER, Mrs. Saloma D., 72, Goshen R6, Indiana

died Saturday, January 29, in the Goshen General Hospital where she had been a patient three days. Born in LaGrange County April 30, 1904, she was a daughter of Daniel B. and Mattie C. (Miller) Miller. She was married December 7, 1922, to Amos J. Nisley, who preceded her in death December 4, 1966. Her second marriage was March 31, 1968, to Joseph J. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are four sons, Irvin Nisley of Rome City, Daniel Nisley of Bristol, Jonas A. and Olen R. Nisley, both of Goshen; two daughters, Mrs. Harvey (Lydia Ann) Eash of Howe and Mrs. Clair (Anna Mae) Adams of Portland, Ore.; five stepsons, Elmer J. and Jonas Miller, both of Shipshewana, Jacob Miller of White Pigeon, Mich., Sam Miller of Syracuse and Joe Miller at home; two stepdaughters, Anna and Ida Miller, both of Shipshewana; 30 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; 20 stepgrandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. Erma Hershberger of Millersburg, Mrs. David (Barbara) Yoder and Mrs. Sam (Ada) Chupp, both of Goshen R1.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the Melvin Nisley residence by Bishop Henry Yoder and Pre. Simon Schmucker. Burial was in the Nisley Cemetery.

RABER, Daniel J., 59, Millersburg R4, Ohio

died Sunday morning, February 20, in his home after a long illness. Born in Holmes County, he was a son of the late John D. and Mary (Yoder) Raber. Surviving are his wife, the former Katie Ann Kurtz; three sons, Ben D. of Baltic R1, and Jonas D. and Henry D. of the home; a sister and two brothers, Miss Lovina Raber, Albert J. and Amos J., all of Baltic R1, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 23, at 9 a.m. in the Raber residence by Bishop John J. C. Yoder. Burial was in Yoder Cemetery.

SCHROCK, Lydia Ann, 86, Middlebury, Ind.

died Thursday morning, February 3, at her home where she had been bedfast for a week. She was born in Hubbard, Ore., December 29, 1890, and had lived 35 years in Kansas before moving to Indiana in 1941. She was married November 1, 1911, to Jacob S. Schrock, who preceded her in death December 31, 1962. Surviving are five sons, Andrew and Alvin, both of LaGrange, Levi of Shipshewana, Samuel and William, both of Middlebury; one daughter, Amanda of Middlebury; 55 grandchildren and 98 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the family home by Bishop Ray W. Miller and Pre. Samuel Bontrager. Burial was in the Naylor Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Christ K., 59, Kinzers R1, Pa.

died at his home at 9:05 a.m. Thursday, February 17, after a lengthy illness. Born in Upper Leacock Township, he was a son of Mrs. Fannie (King) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, and the late Daniel B. Stoltzfus. Surviving in addition to his mother are his widow, Emma S. (Fisher) Stoltzfus; nine children, Daniel F., Kinzers R1; Fannie F., wife of John I. Beiler, and Lovina, wife of Jacob F. Stoltzfus, both of Gap R1; Moses F., Samuel F., and Christian F., all of Kinzers R1; Emma F., wife of Jonas S. Stoltzfus, Narvon R2, and Martha F. and Barbara F., both at home; 30 grandchildren; and twelve brothers and sisters: Jesse, Ronks R1; Rebecca, wife of Amos Nissley, Dover, Del.; Moses, Kinzers R1; Fannie, wife of Leroy Fisher, Parkesburg; Daniel, Lancaster; Joseph, Quarryville R2; John, Ronks R1; David, York County; Leah, wife of Amos Esh, New Providence; Mary, wife of Mark Stoltzfus, Blue Ball; Mattie, wife of Neil Stoltzfus, Tennessee, and Reuben, Talmage.

Funeral services were held at the late home Saturday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m. by Pre. Omar F. Glick and Bishop Henry S. Fisher; Hymn No. 360, page 382, read by Dea. Jacob B. Stoltzfus; pall bearers were Samuel E. Fisher, Aaron H. Glick, Ben M. Fisher, and David Smucker. Burial was at Millwood Cemetery; Hymn No. 32, page 444, was read by Pre. Emanuel Zook, abschied by Pre. Stephen S. Fisher.

YODER, Mary Ann, 4 mo., Belleville, Star Rt., Pa.

died February 6th at her home at the age of 4 mo. and 23 days. She had a heart condition since birth. Surviving are her parents, Jonas J. and Lydia (Swarey) Yoder; two brothers, Christopher and Jonathan; one sister, Naomi; grandparents, Amos K. Yoder's and Mrs. Rebecca Swarey; great-grandparents, Crist K. Swarey's, Mrs. Katie B. Yoder, and Jonathan Zook's of Lancaster, Pa. One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held February 8th by Levi Troyer of Lakeside, Ontario, and Joshua Renno of the home district. Burial was in Locust Grove Cemetery.

ZOOK, Mrs. Mary F., 77, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.

died Saturday, February 19, at 8 a.m. at her home after a lengthy illness, at the age of 77 yr., 11 mo., and 15 days. Born in Upper Leacock Township, she was a daughter of the late Stephen and Katie (Fisher) Lapp. Her first husband, Jonas F. Zook, died January 15, 1926, at the age of 28; on November 7, 1935, she married to John K. King, who died July 9, 1965; on December 16, 1966, she married to Amos K. Zook, who survives. Also surviving are the following children: Katie, wife of David R. King, Strasburg R1; Susie, wife of Henry D. Stoltzfus, Narvon R2; Leah, wife of Earl Hochstetler, Nappanee, Ind.; Mattie King and Mary King, both at home; 17 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; also these step children: Gideon S. Zook, Leola; Jonathan S. Zook, Paradise R1; Katie S., wife of John Glick, Parkesburg R1; Annie S., wife of Paul Fisher, Gordonville R1; Amos S. Zook, Leola R1; Abner S. Zook, Gap R1; Sylvia S. Zook, Intercourse; David S. Zook, Parkesburg; Isaac S. Zook, Gordonville R1; Mary S., wife of Daniel Stoltzfus, Newburg, Pa.; Elam S. Zook, Quarryville R3; Aaron S. Zook, Sarasota, Florida; Sadie S., wife of Jonas Fisher, Kinzers R1; and John S. Zook, Quarryville R1; two brothers and a sister, Stephen Lapp, Gordonville R1; John F. Lapp and Katie, wife of Noah Zook, both of Oakland, Maryland.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 22, at the late home by Bishop John Stoltzfus and Bishop Gideon King, scripture, I Thes. 4: v. 13 to end; Hymn, "Hertzlich thut mich Verlangen," by Pre. Emanuel Zook; burial was in Myers Cemetery, Hymn, "Gute Nacht," read by Pre. Amos Lapp, obschied by Bishop John M. Beiler.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Annie, widow of David M. Swarey, had a stroke on February 11th, leaving her left arm helpless. She is able to walk with the aid of a cane but can work nothing because her left arm is weak because of arthritis.

LANCASTER CO., PA., ACCIDENT

Levi Stoltzfus Jr., age 18, son of Levi and Barbara (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Lincoln Highway East, Ronks R1, Pa., spent 13 days in the hospital after being in a car accident February 6th. He came home the 18th with a cast on his foot and a brace on his neck. Two vertabras were fractured in his neck and he had a broken ankle. He spent some time on a wheel chair.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Oakland, Maryland

The brain tumor victim, Jacob Zook, is gradually declining, has had a few weak spells that he did not respong but would rally again.

Mrs. David C. Peachey, the burn victim, has improved so that she was able to attend services again twice, but still has a few spots which were burned quite deeply.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Geauga County, Ohio

Mrs. Eli D. Miller had the misfortune of breaking her left ankle when she went after the mail. She stepped on an icy spot and fell. Will have it in a cast at least six weeks.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Johnson County, Iowa

Lena, age 66, wife of John S. Yoder, and Menno I. Miller, age 84, are both seriously ill with cancer. May we remember these folks in our prayers.

MIGRATIONS

Pre. David J. Yoder's moved from Fairbank, Iowa, to St. Charles, Minnesota, February 10th.

Sam R. Yoder's and their family of four children moved from Whalon, Minn., to Ethridge, Tenn., Feb. 21.

Ben Yoder's moved from New Glarus, Wis., to Evansville, Wisconsin, with Brodhead R.R. being their address now.

BAPTISMS

Dover, Delaware

January 23, Henry Yoder home
by Bishop John J. Yoder
Allen, son of Preacher Jacob D. and Rosa Kurtz
Menno, son of Jonas J. and Lydia Hershberger

Oakland, Maryland

August 22, by Atlee E. Miller, Holmes County
Eddie, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Shetler) Petersheim
Homer, son of Jonas and Ida (Hershberger) Kinsinger
Rufus, son of David C. and Elizabeth (Peachy) Peachy
William, son of Elmer and Susie (Nissley) Zook
Junior, son of Abe and Ella (Weaver) Kauffman
John, son of Alvin and Lydia (Zook) Yoder
Evan, son of Norman and Lena (Yoder) Schrock
Ruth, daughter of Calvin and Lena (Miller) Nissley
Ruth, daughter of Noah and Anna (Yoder) Peachy
Sarah, daughter of Albert and Lydia (Yoder) Bender
Cora, daughter of Ernest and Martha (Shetler) Schrock
Naomi, daughter of Owen and Edna (Petersheim) Swartzentruber
Ruth, daughter of Joe and Bertha (Kinsinger) Zook
Betty, dau. of Atlee and Ella (Miller) Hershberger
Arlene, daughter of Robert and Katie (Yoder) Miller

Centreville, Michigan

Feb. 13, North East District
By Bishop Tobe R. Yoder
Vernon, son of John and Fannie (Helmuth) Yoder
Marilyn, daughter of Virgil and Magdalena (Hochstedler) Yoder
Miriam, daughter of Ezra J. and Marie (Bontrager) Bontrager

Feb. 6, South East District
By Bishop William J. Bontrager
Sylvia, daughter of Bishop William J. and Lydia (Yoder) Bontrager

LaGrange Co., Indiana

By Bishop Clarence Miller
Katie Mae, daughter of LeRoy and Nettie (Slabach) Hochstedler
Elsie, daughter of Vernon and Ada (Eash) Miller
Luanne, daughter of Roman and Katie (Miller) Schlabach

Elkhart County, Iowa

Feb. 13, Northwest Clinton District
Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Troyer
Laura and Linda, daughters of Deacon Harry Yoders
Wanda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Yoder
Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry O. Yoders

Feb. 27, West Forks District
Lavern, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schlabach

Kokomo, Indiana

Feb. 27, by Bishop Noah Hochstedler
John Elmer, son of Levi H. & Lydia (Otto) Miller
Andy Jr., son of Andy A. & ROSA (Hershberger) Herschberger
Noah Jay, son of David & Esther (Hochstedler) Herschberger
Larry, son of Freeman J. & Mary (Yoder) Otto
Katie Viola, dau. of Ervin & Lizzie (Hostetler) Chupp
Rachel, daughter of Tobias & Mary (Miller) Bontrager
Marie, dau. of Moses & Tillie (Herschberger) Bontrager
Wilma, dau. of Melvin C. & Laura (Miller) Bontrager
Clara Fern, daughter of Simon J. & Edna (Lee) Otto

MIGRATIONS

Noah J. Hostetlers and family moved from De Peyster, New York, to Ethridge, R2, Tenn., December 28.

John E. Stutzmans moved from Hazleton, Iowa, to St. Charles, R1, Minnesota, on December 1st.

Perry A. Yoders moved from Hazleton, Iowa, to Utica R1, Minn., on December 2nd, into the new basement house with his dads, the Abe Yoders.

Larry D. Bontragers moved from Haven, Reno Co., Kansas, to Welda, Anderson Co., Kansas, November 9.

Delbert L. Bontragers moved from Jamesport, Missouri, to LaGrange County, Indiana, November 23.

Eli L. Bontragers moved from Topeka, Indiana, to Jamesport, Missouri, November 26. (Delbert and Eli are brothers.L

Bishop Dan Stutzmans moved from Jamesport, Missouri, to Windson, Missouri, December 7.

Monroe Hershbergers moved from Jamesport, Mo., to Windsor, Mo., Dec. 29. (Monroes are daughter and son-in-law to Dans.)

Andy Planks moved from New Glarus, Wisconsin, to Evansville, Wisconsin, November 10.

Henry D. Millers moved from New Glarus, Wis., to the Evansville area, December 28, but their address will be Brodhead.

Migrations to Evansville, Wis., area in 1976

Ezra H. Bontragers, from LaGrange, Ind., to Evansville, Wis.; John Henry Whetstones, from Nappanee, Ind., to Brodhead, Wis.; Rudy F. Detweilers, from New Glarus, Wis., to Brodhead, Wis.; Andy Planks, from New Glarus, Wis., to Evansville, Wis.; Henry Millers, from New Glarus, Wis., to Brodhead, Wis. A few more farms have been purchased in the area.

Clarence Yoders moved from Garnett, Kansas, to Loyal, Wisconsin.

Larry Bontragers moved from Yoder, Kansas, to Welda, Kansas.

Movings from Clark, Missouri, in 1976
Christian Borntregers, to Riceville, Ia., March 24.
Edwin Gingerichs, to Cashton, Wis., March 9.
Benedict Petersheims, to McIntire, Ia., April 20.
John Masts, to Chetek, Wis., May 14.
Monroe Schrocks, to Riceville, Ia., April 13.
Eli Schrock, to Riceville, Ia., in October.
Jonas P. Borntregers, to Greenwood, Wis., Nov. 15.

JOHN STOLTZFUS DESCENDANT REUNION

(Tennessee John)

The annual Lancaster Mennonite Conference Historical Meeting will be held at the Millwood Mennonite Church, Gap, Pa., on June 25 and 26, 1977. On Monday, June 27, from 1:00 to ? at the Millwood Church a (Tennessee) John Stoltzfus Descendant Reunion is being planned. Bring along your family records, photos and/or memoirs which you may have. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. (Check in on your ancestral lines.) For further information, contact Ada Nancy King, Box 160-A, R.D. 1, Atglen, Pennsylvania 19310.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORT

St Marys County, Maryland

February was a lot milder, with only 4 days of 10 degree or lower temperature. The coldest was 8 on the 6th. We had very little precipitation through February, which leaves the water level pretty low, as we haven't had much rain since November. Hay is very high and is trucked in from Pennsylvania and New York.

Lancaster Co., Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The rain fall for February was 1 inch at Bareville area.

Market REPORT: choice fat cattle $43.25 - $41.00; feeders $26.00 - $38.00 cwt.; fat hogs $46.00 - $42.00 cwt.; 40 lb. feed pigs U.S. no. 1 & 2 are $64.00 - $94.00 cwt.; choice veal $72.00 - $79.00 cwt; dairy cows at New Holland $530 - $1300; poultry heavy type hens $.33 - $.39 lb.; pullets $.39 - $.57 lb. roasters $.35 lb.; ducks $.50 - $.63 lb.; turkeys $.43 - $.45 lb.; large eggs $.71 a doz.; potatoes retail $6.00 cwt.; ear corn $62 - $75 a ton, $2.62 a bu.; wheat $2.85 a bu.; barley $2.35 a bu.; oats $1.90 a bu.; hay $55 - $100 a ton; straw $60 - $77 a ton; corn fodder $62 - $70 a ton.

By Phares Z. Stoltzfus

February began with cold weather, and on the 4 was the first time since mid December that it was above freezing in the morning. But on the 5 it was right down to 10 degrees at bedtime. The temperature again soared to as high as 60 degrees the 11 and 12. The 17 it was 11 degrees and windy again. It snowed 1 inch on the 20 and rained 8/10 of an inch on the 24. We had snow flurries on the 28 and 30 degrees at bedtime.

Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

The first two weeks of February were still cold with a good bit of wind, but the last two weeks were more like March weather with nice sunny days. Very little snow is left anymore but still some frost in the ground. A good many farmers are getting corn fodder in again since the snow is gone. They are also hauling manure out and getting harness and equipment ready for spring. We had about 1.3 inches of rain and 7 inches of snow for the month.

Clinton County, by Mrs. Menno Beiler

February was warmer after 3 months of unusually cold weather. We had zero 3 mornings and 12 inches of snow, over an inch of rain, and one day 60 degree temperature. The last week of the month temperatures were above freezing during the day. The frost is slowly coming out of the ground, but is believed to be quite deep at some places.

Centre County, Pa., by Henry M. Glick

February remained cold, although the temperature rose to 40, 50 and 60 degrees a few spells. We had 2 below zero on the morning of the 6th. It stayed fair through the middle of the month. The temperature rose to high in the 60's at the end of the month. We had eight inches of snow all total, but not much rain. There is still some frost in the ground. The last day of the month we had snow flurries.

Snyder County, Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

February is at an end again. One sixth of 1977 is over. The weather was more normal again, and we had our biggest snow of the year on the 20th with over six inches. It is still quite dry.

Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine M. Swarey

February was still quite wintry weather with one week of warmer weather similiar to a January thaw. The lowest temperature was zero and the highest was 70 the last week in February. We had 8 inches of rainfall. On February 20th we had a snowfall of 10 inches, and it clung to trees and fences making a beautiful sight. This snow did not blow, but all melted the next week. Many water pipes are still frozen.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

February was mild with some nice sunny days. High temperature was around 60 in the day time and early morning as low as 4 above with a high of 38. The snow was about all gone by the 20 then we had the biggest snow of the winter, about 8 inches, but it did not last long. The ground is thawing some, and its a little colder with snow flurries the last few days.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

The temperatures during February went as low as 5 above zero and up to 63 degrees. There were 3½ inches of snow. Measurable amounts of snow or rain fell on only 4 days in February. We had rain and thunder on the 24, and the next day was very stormy. Geese are flying north and its been reported that robins have been seen.

Oakland Md., by Mrs. Atlee Hershberger

January and February were mostly snowy and cold especially the last part of January and the first part of February. We had an unusual amount of snow and high drifts. The last part of February it warmed up some and melted some snow, but will have to have many more warm days to melt all the high snow drifts.

Somerset County, Pa., by Abe S. Kinsinger

The first part of February was real cold, although the ground hog did get to see his shadow. We were having nice winter weather the latter part of the month.

People that boil maple syrup or at least some of them have been putting out their keeler and tubing. A couple of early birds may have tapped some.

Very little plowing has been done this winter.

Mercer County, Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

February was a little more mild. We had about 11 days that it snowed a little and a few stormy days on the 3 and 13. We had 4 mornings of zero to 8 below temperature. A lot of the snow has melted nice and slow and soaked in the ground. We had some high banks along the roads of which there is still a lot left. On the 27 it was 64 degrees at noon then the wind changed from south to west and by evening it was 32 degrees.

It took a lot of fuel this winter and more people are burning wood. They kept slabs cleaned up from three saw mills at 5 points. Hay is scarce and high in price.

Crawford County, by Mrs. Menno Fisher

We had typical winter weather through February, no blizzards or severe snowstorms. The snow didn't melt much until after the 22, and it went fast the last week. There are still banks here and there, and lots in the cornfields making it impossible to get the corn that is still out. The men can get into the woods again to cut firewood. The total inches of snow for the month was 17 inches and 1.90 inches of rain and melted ice. High temperature was 56 degrees and the low was 10 below zero. This gives an average of 22 degrees.

Geauga County, Ohio, by Mrs. Eli Wengerd

February started in like January, cold and stormy the first week. From the 7 through the 11, we had a lot of sunshine and 40 degree temperature. A lot of our big snow banks melted. We had a few days of rain, which was badly needed, because of the many empty cisterns.

Farmers are getting their sugaring equipment ready for the next warm spell.

South Eastern, by John L. Yoder

The forepart of February remained cold with thermometer registering as low as 20 below. The last 10 - 12 days was more mild and springlike with most of the snow gone, with the exception of the deepest drifts. Snow left mostly with sun and warm weather relieving the worry of floods. Springs are coming back to their normal flow, which will boost the water shortage. There are still some frozen water pipes. There is not much change in hog and cattle prices. Very little plowing has been done.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

We had some zero and below weather in February with 16 below being the coldest. We had zero the 16 and 17, but since it has been real nice. We had enough warm sunshine that the snow is nearly all gone. Culverts that were frozen under the road are not all open yet, and some water pipes are open. We had a good hard rain February 24 that lasted nearly a half hour. It also had rained some during the night. With all the rain, and snow melting the creeks were over flowing. Barrs Mills was flooded on February 24. We had several very springlike days.

Some think wheat is damaged from being covered with snow and ice so long. Farmers are buying some hay. Markets seem to be steady. Good horses, and good milk cows are in good demand. Hog prices are up slightly again.

Centreville, Michigan, by Tobe L. Yoder

February was nice and sunny. The temperature ranged from below zero and 40 degrees. The snow was melting, but on the 26 we had snow, and ice the morning of the 27.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

The first of February the temperature was 20 degrees. For the month we had a high of 60 on the 23, and a low of 4 below on the 16, with approximately 10 days of above freezing temperatures. On the 24 we had our first rain since October of '76, and 5 inches of snow the 26.

The tapping of maple trees began on the 26. Milk prices are $7.95 per hundred weight for 4½ milk.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Eash

February weatherwise will probably be well remembered as a month with much cold and some days of subzero temperatures. The 1st of the month most of the roads were opened, the walls of snow on the left and right reminding one of the walls the children of Israel went through while crossing the Red Sea. We had only slight thaws until the 22 & 23 which makes water stand almost everywhere. It warmed up to a record breaking 63 degrees and we had a shower of rain and light lightening in the evening of the 23. On the 24 it turned colder and snowed some, most of us are adding fuel to the fires again. We are grateful for the many blessings God showers on us day by day. The men are hauling manure, attending sales etc. and the women are attempting to get their sewing done.

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

The first week of February was snowy, windy and cold, the 6 it was sunny and warming up to 20 degrees, on the 9 it was 40 and the 12 it rained in the evening. The 15 it was colder and 15 degrees with the latter part of the week being warmer. The 23 it was 58 and windy, with rain in the evening. The 26 we had some snow and freezing rain making the roads, trees and fences a glare of ice on the morning of the 27. Hog prices are up to $.43 and straw is a good price also.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

February was relatively mild for a cold winter. There were four days of zero or lower and the lowest was 13 below on the 6. We had 9 inches of snow on that day and 4 inches of snow on the 26. The highest for the month was 63 degrees on the 23. We also had some rain and ice.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

We had a few rather rough and stormy days in February, but as a whole was nothing to complain about. We had three mornings of zero and below, the lowest being 4 below, and the highest was 56 degrees on the 23. The ground was covered with snow up to the 23. During the day it went up to 56 degrees with a light, slow drizzle which took most of the snow off the fields and settled the large drifts and snow banks quite a bit, although they are not all gone yet. We had around a half inch of rain during the month and three and a half inches of snow. It snowed a few inches on the 26 and the ground is still covered. We had 5 days of all sunshine and 4 all cloudy ones, and there were 11 days and 4 nights with above freezing temperatures. It took a lot of hay and straw to keep the livestock in good shape this winter so far. Grain prices are slightly higher right now, soy beans were marked up at $7.29 per bu. at the local Elevator today.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mr. Ivan J. Gingerich

February weather was somewhat milder than January had been. The fourth we had another heavy blankey of snow, but on the ninth we had a good thaw which really helped to clear the roads. It stayed fairly mild then for the next two weeks giving everyone a touch of spring fever. The 26 it snowed 4 inches and then turned into a freezing rain which turned everything into a dazzling world of ice when the sun shone a little on the 27. The nice warm sunshine received on the 28 helped to melt quite a bit of ice again.

Arthur, Illinois, By Menno A. Diener
February started in a little cool with 6 below the first morning. It thawed some around noon and has been thawing since. On the 6th it was 7 below again, so the temperature ranged from 32 to 60 and by the middle of the month the snow was mostly gone. The frost was also mostly out of the ground, and a few pipes are not thawed on the north sides of buildings. A few were plowing last week. On Saturday we had about 4 inches of snow which made things look so clear and white again.

Reno County, Kansas, by Mrs. Enos E. Schrock
Temperatures for the month of February were from 16 to 81 degrees. We had no moisture except from some heavy dews a few mornings. The wheat fields are greening up, which is a sure sign of spring. People are putting oats in the ground, in hopes of getting some moisture. We had some windy days and in western Kansas they had some dust blowing days this month. Farm Sales are being held again this spring.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager
Up to this date, February 26, we haven't had any zero weather now for nearly 3 weeks, which was on the 7. That is quite a different story weatherwise. We had a light rain several days ago, of possibly 2/10 of an inch, which was the first rain since October. The snow we had this winter wasn't very much and didn't add up to much as far as moisture is concerned. There wasn't much plowing done in the fall because of the winter setting in so early. We have as yet to see what the extreme cold weather did to the new last years seedings, or the fruit trees, berries etc.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder
The month of February was in general a milder month. We had 5 zero mornings and below. On the 6 it was 19 below, and our coldest for the month. We had a few snow showers, but no measureable amount. We had rain on the 23 with thunder and lightening, could well be over a half inch of rain.

Evansville, Wisconsin, by John R. Yutzy
January was another cold month with temperature below zero 21 mornings. It snowed 4 inches in January. February was somewhat milder with temperature zero or below 8 times. The moisture for February was 3 inches of snow and one and a quarter inches of rain which came on the 23. The month started in cold but ended with temperatures up in the thirties in the afternoons. The snow is all gone except where it had drifted.

There are quite a few dairy sales at present with cows somewhat cheaper. Hay is selling from $90 to $110 for good alfalfa. The last few days makes a person think of spring. Manure is being hauled out of barnyards and farmers are trying to get all of their work caught up before it is time to get the plow out again.

Blair, Wisconsin, By Mrs. Moses S. Miller
February was warmer than the fore part of the winter. Although we had 25 below zero on February 6. A lot of snow melted leaving icy yards. We had 50 degrees some days. The 23 was rainy leaving an icy glare, but it was gone again by mid afternoon.

Canton, Minnesota, By Chriss Stutzman
January was a cold month with 19 mornings below zero. A few days it didn't get up to zero, but most days warmed up some in the evening. We had a few snow falls but not many closed roads. We had a blizzard on the 24, but not as much snow with it as some states had.

February had 5 mornings with below zero temperatures with only a few light snow falls. There were only 2 very cold days with 28 below in the mornings. It warmed up in 2 days that the thermometer reached 50 and one day 52. The snow disappeared fast. There are only patches of snow in the fields and pastures anymore.

Utica, Minnesota, By Atlee J. Shetler
The first part of February was mostly zero and below. The last half from 20 to 30 degrees, most of the snow is gone. On February 21 we had an all day rain and also some ice the following mornings. The top 8 inches are not frozen hard because of the dry season we had last fall. From there on down where it had some moisture it is frozen hard.

Hay sells for $2.00 a bale delivered; milk - $8.05 for 3.5 test.

Wadena, Minnesota, By William M. Schrock
Our weather in February was nice and a lot milder than in January. The coldest in the morning was the 6 when it was 20 below zero, and our warmest in the morning was 32 above. We had a lot of nice sunshine and a few days it went up to 48 degrees which melted the snow fast. On the 23 it started misting and turned to snow, so we now have a good layer of snow left yet. We had quite a lot of windy days. Cattle prices are higher, they sold heifers at the sale barn in Long Prairie for over $500 each. Calves also sell better, hay sells high a lot of it is being moved now.

Aylmer, Ontario, By LeRoy Eicher
The fore part of February we had a little milder weather than we had in January, probably about the same as a lot of others too. I guess we had the January thaw this month, and we had little snow, just a few flurries. At the present the weather is quite nice.

Feeder pigs are still high priced compared to market hogs. I think they are selling between $45 to $50. Market hogs had been in the low $50 cwt. dressed. When we had a lot of snow and couldn't ship very many the price went up as high as $60 cwt.

Grey County, Ontario, By Jacob C. Hershberger
The first part was nice but cold, the ground hog even got to see his shadow. The last half was milder which lowered the snow banks. We had some freezing rains on the 23 and 27 which made some icy roads.

St Marys, Ontario, by Abe Hochstetler
The first of February was the last part of a 5 day snow storm. We had below average temperature with a few mild days around the middle. The snow is melting some, which broke an almost 2 month period, since December 20, of below freezing temperature. The latter part was not so stormy but remained cold. Fat cattle price is below $.40, corn is $2.20 per bu.

Dover, Delaware

The fore part of the month was cold with milder weather the later part. The low for the month was 6 on the 6th and again on the 18th, the high was 70 on the 23, followed by a .7 of an inch rain. The total for the month was .8 inch. There was no snow, so farmers are well caught up with manure hauling, those that are finished shredding corn are ready to plow.

Hog prices are steady around the $.40 market, with eggs retailing around $1.00.

Most of the many water lines that were frozen are open again. Fall grains that got a late start are slow in coming to life, but it is early to estimate any damage.

Centre County, Pa., By David B. Stoltzfus

Compared to January, February was a mild month, yet we had typical winter weather with temperature ranging from 10 below to 60 above. Early in the month a lot of the snow melted and we had another 7 inches of snow on the 20, most of which soon melted. Elk Creek was dry in January for several miles but is flowing again. At the upper end of the creek, before it is drained by sinkholes, the ice still isn't broken up completely, but there was water flowing on top most of the month. The ground is still frozen except on top. Many farmers are hauling manure when it is below freezing.

Cochranton, Pa., by Fannie Bontrager

February was mostly mild and sunny, with rain on the 12 and also on the last week. There were a few stormy days. High temperature was 48 and in the fifties, occuring the second week and again the last week.

Norfolk, New York, By Jerry R. Schwartz

February has been comparatively mild with a few thawing days and very little snow. A few have been stirring in the sugar woods. March came in somewhat like a lion.

Adams County, Indiana, By Mary Ann Hilty

February was colder than normal. Although the February weather was not the record breaker that January was, the month was colder than normal. Figures for the month are: High 64 on the 23; low 8 on the 6; rainfall 2.83 inches; snow 7.50 inches. There were 9 cloudy days, 10 partly cloudy, and 9 clear days. There were only 2 rainy days and one thunderstorm.

Guthrie, Kentucky, By Jesse D. Peachey

The weather is more springlike after our severe winter. The snow is all gone and the frost is out of the ground. We had several good rains, which helped our failing wells. Some plowing has been done, but it is now wet again. The early peas are planted etc.

Hogs are $39, wheat $2.40, and beans $7.20

Ethridge Tennessee, By Jacob J. Gingerich

February has been more in the average, as for the temperature the low was 12 and the high 74. We had 4 and a quarter inches of rain fall. Some Easter lilies are seen where the sun hits and the wind doesn't. A lot of plowing is being done. The last week had thunder showers. Cattle and hog prices are some better, and some garden things are planted. The frogs are singing.

Marshfield, Missouri, By Ruben Yoder

The weather is back to normal again. The snow has all left with several nice showers that help the water level. Some ponds were frozen over long enough to kill the fish and frogs. The temperature reached the upper 50's several times. Some plowing is being done and pasture is starting to grow, which helps the hay condition, which was hard to find. Hay ranges in price from $70 to $110 a ton. Milk price is steady at $7.90 for 3.5 test, feeder pigs have stepped up a lot to .90 a lb., fat hogs are unsteady at $37 - $42 cwt.

Medford, Wisconsin, By John Schmucker Jr.

Part of February remained cold. The highest temperature was 45 degrees on the 10 and 11, and the lowest was 21 below on the 6. There was only 4 inches of snow cover at the end of the month. The precipatation for the entire month was .59 of an inch, rain mixed with snow.

Wilton, Wisconsin, By Jacob D. Hochstetler

February was a nice month with average temperature for this time of year. The coldest was around 8 below zero on the 6. It went up to 50 degrees on the 10, which settled the snow quite a bit. There are still quite a few banks along the roads, although most fields are bare.

Farm sales are picking up again. Hay is high and not very plentiful. Prices range mostly from $1.70 to $2.25 per bale, mild cows are high.

Cashton, Wisconsin, By Joe C. Borntreger

February had a variety of weather, ranging from zero to thawing. We also had a few days of rain but it did not add very much in inches. The snow is about half gone.

Milverton, Ontario, By Israel Kuepfer

January was cold and snowy. It was stormy the 10, the roads were closed and it was cold all week. January 16, it was 20 below zero and blowing on the 16 also. On the 18 it was 20 below but no wind. We had another storm on the 27, and on the 28 it was icy in the forenoon but at noon the storm hit with full force again. It cleared up on Saturday afternoon, but the roads are full. On the 30 and 31 it was still blowing on the ground, and a lot of people were snowbound.

It was not such a cold month as January. We had a lot of snow and a storm on the 13, but it didn't last long. We had a thaw and some rain the next week and more rain on the evening of the 26, also the next morning it was icy for a few hours but soon thawed up enough to melt the ice.

Norwich, Ontario, By D. L. Stutzman

January will long be remembered as the coldest month in many a winter with the biggest blow coming on January 28. We had high winds and nearly zero temperatures. This continued for several days, and many people were stranded away from home, some for several days. Many of the north and south roads couldn't even be opened with the maintainers, but payloaders had to be used. Even so, our area was well off compared to the Buffalo, N. Y. area.

In the early part of February the weather moderated, and this slowly reduced the snowbanks. There are still some as high as buggy tops. Farmers have been busy choring and hauling manure. The snow, until recently was too deep in the woods for cutting wood, but since it is gone down, we will likely be cutting wood in March.

Lucknow, Ontario, By Edward Gingerich

The weather was much more settled through February, although there were still some stormy and quite cold days. The snow didn't get deeper even though a lot fell as it started thawing on warm days. This packed it together a lot so that it is easier to get around than it was. It still takes quite a lot of fuel and snow is too deep to get to the bush to make more.

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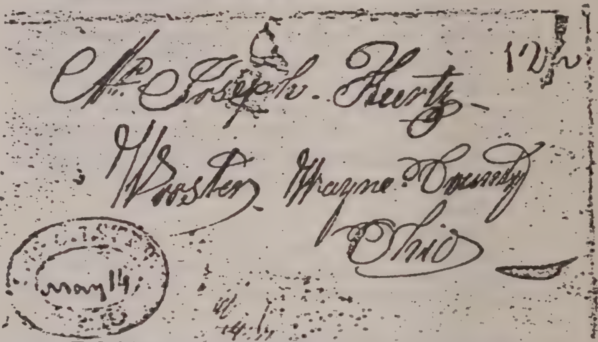

Mr Joseph Kurtz
Wooster Wayne County
Ohio

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May 14

Geschrieben zu der Joseph Kurtz von Christian Beiler, Fairfield County, Ohio.
May 11th 1834

Einen Grusz des Friedens an dich lieber Freund Joseph Kurtz mit wünschen alles Gutes zu dir durch Gottes Gnad an Leib und Seel hier in dieser Zeit und auch in Ewigkeit. Ich wünsche dir ein wenig zu schreiben um der Liebe willen. Ich will hoffen Du wirst mir es nicht für ungut halten, dan es soll alles in guter meinung zu dir geschehen. Weiters lasse ich Dich wissen das ich und wir alle Gottlob noch gesund sin für diese Zeit. Und wär auch mein Hertzens wunsch wenn doch mein wenig geringes schreiben dich auch also in dem besten Wohlbe-finden möchte andreffen. Weiters lasse ich Dich auch wissen dasz ich am letzten Mitwoch mittag Heim kommen bin. Ich bin Montags um halber eins in Wooster abgereist und bin nach Friederichsburg gegangen um ein Plesterer zu bekomen. Ihn aber nicht angedroffen. Darnoch hab ich nach Millersburg müssen gehen. Dort hab ich Ihn gesehen und mein sach ausgerichtet. Darnach bin ich Heimzu so stark das ich hab könen gehen.

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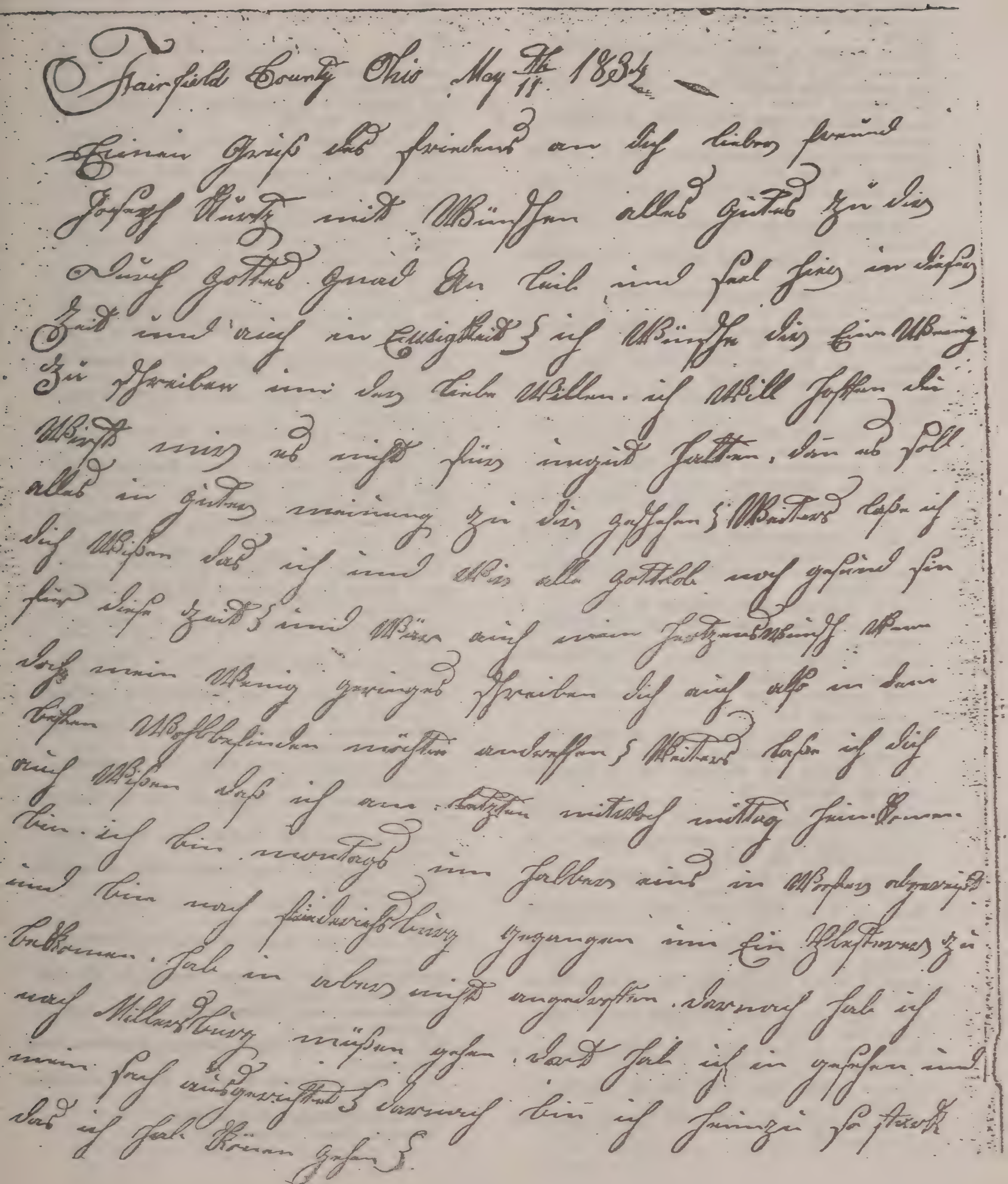

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MIGRATIONS

Dan J. Beacheys from Oakland, Maryland to Somerset, Pennsylvania, April 13.

Ezra Beilers from Christiana, Pa. to Loganton, Pa., March 3.

Preacher Samuel S. Beilers from Quarryville, Pa. to Howard, Pa., in February.

Sam Beilers from Juniata Co., Pa. to Path Valley, Pennsylvania, March 11.

David E. Benders from Kalona, Iowa to Aylmer, Ontario, December 3.

Bishop Glen Benders from Kalona, Iowa to Spencer, Wisconsin, March 11.

Lizzie Benders from Wroxeter, Ont. to Dover, Del., November 29.

Amos Bontragers from Clarence, Mo. to Huntingdon, Tennessee, March 16.

Chester M. Bontragers from Medford, Wis. to Bowling Green, Mo., in May.

Delbert Bontragers from Jamesport, Mo. to Topeka, Indiana, November 23.

Ezra H. Bontragers from LaGrange, Ind. to Evansville, Wisconsin, January 28.

Deacon Leroy Bontragers from Kalona, Iowa to Hicksville, Ohio, October 12.

Melvin Bontragers from Bronson, Mich. to Mio, Mich. November 13.

Melvin Bontragers from Kalona, Iowa to Hicksville, Ohio, in December.

Roy T. Bontragers from Medford, Wis. to Bowling Green, Mo., October 19.

Chris Bontragers from Clark, Mo. to McIntire, Iowa, March 18.

Jonas P. Bontragers from Clark, Mo. to Greenwood, Wis., November 8.

Levi Bontragers Jr. from Fairbank, Iowa to Milton, Iowa, March 2.

Levi S. Bontragers from Paraguay in April.

Reuben Bontragers from Ashley, Ind. to Amherst, Wisconsin, in April.

Truman Bontragers from Bronson, Mich. to Huntingdon, Tennessee, in January.

Floyd Brennemans from Camden, Mich. to Allen Co., Indiana, April 8

Abe Byler Jrs. from Sugar Grove, Pa. to New Wilmington, Pa., March 16.

Allen N. Bylers from Wroxeter, Ont. to Marshfield, Missouri, November 15.

Andy B. Bylers from Mercer, Pa. to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, March 11.

Atlee A. Byler Jrs. from Conewango Valley, N. Y., toSpartansburg, Pa., February 26.

Emanuel D. Bylers from New Wilmington, Pa. to Sugar Grove, Pa., in February.

Henry D. Bylers from Dover, Del. to Elkland, Mo., in February.

Henry E. Bylers from Smicksburg, Pa. to Jackson Center, Pa., April 2.

Jonas B. Bylers from Mercer, Pa. to Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, February 19.

John Henry Bylers from Wroxeter, Ont. to Guys Mills, Pa., August 31.

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Wallie C. Bylers from Volant, Pa. to Westfield N. Y., in March.

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Ervin M. Chupps from Arthur, Ill. to Kokomo, Ind. March 1.

Sam Chupps moved to Rexford, Mont., October 16.

Andy E. Coblentz' from Mercer, Pa. to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, Jan. 16.

Noah Coblentz' from Smicksburg, Pa. to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, May 18.

Henry Delagranges from Camden, Mich. to Homer, Michigan, in June.

Jonas Delagranges from Camden, Mich. to Homer, Michigan, in June.

Rudy Detweilers from New Glarus, Wis. to Evansville, Wis., March 25.

William F. Detweilers from Hazleton, Iowa to Jamesport, Mo., February 24.

Abram Ebersoles from Lebanon Co. to Bellefonte, Pa. March 30.

Jake Eichers moved to Butler, Ohio, November 18.

Paul Eichers from Camden, Mich. to Homer, Mich. February 13.

Stephen Eichers from Camden, Mich. to Homer, Mich. February 13.

Daniel Eshes from Quarryville, Pa. to Trout Run, Pennsylvania, March 25.

John L. Eshes from Gordonville, Pa. to Howard, Pa. March 19.

Levi Eshes from Paradise, Pa. to Franklin Co., Pa.

Allen E. Fishers from Geauga Co., Ohio to Frederickstown, Ohio, March 24.

Elam Fishers from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Loysville, Pa., in March.

Eli J. Fishers from Geauga Co., Ohio to Frederickstown, Ohio, March 24.

Elmer Fishers from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Loysville, Pennsylvania, in March.

Sam J. Fisher Jrs. from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Newville, Pa.

Nelson Garbers from Oakland, Md. to Salem, Ind. March 23.

Chester P. Gingerichs from Medford, Wis. to Wadena, Minnesota, April 13.

Eddie Gingerichs from Ashland, Ohio to Greenwood, Wisconsin, April 6.

Edwin E. Gingerichs from Clark, Mo. to Cashton, Wisconsin, March 13.

Ervin Gingerichs from Nappannee, Ind. to Bloomfield, Iowa, in April.

Mosie Gingerichs from Desboro, Ont. to Ethridge, Tenn., November 10.

Noah E. Gingerichs from Norwich, Ont. to Greenville, Mich., April 12.

Roy J. Gingerichs from Geauga Co., Ohio to LeRaysville, Pa., August 31.

David Glicks from Quarryville, Pa. to Howard, Pa., in December.

Samuel Glicks from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Mill Hall, Pennsylvania, December 30.

Joe Helmuths from Fredericksburg, Ohio to Cashton, Wisconsin, March 10.

Orie Helmuths from Milton, Iowa to Bloomfield, Iowa, February 25.

Junior Hershbergers from Milroy, Ind. to Bellfontaine, Ohio, in August.

Levi J. Hershbergers from Chesley, Ont., to Ethridge, Tenn., November 11.

Levi Hershbergers from Wroxeter, Ont. to Andover, Ohio, in December.
Monroe Hershbergers from Jamesport, Mo. to Windsor, Mo., December 29.
Elmer Hertzlers from Path Valley, Pa. to St. Marys County, Md., March 11.
Mose E. Hochstettlers from Volant, Pa. to Centerville, Pa., September 3.
Norman Hochstettlers from Nappanee, Ind. to Mio, Mich., April 15.
Willie Hochstettlers from Wilton, Wis. to Medford, Wisconsin, April 12.
John Hostettlers from St. Marys Co., Md. to Path Valley, Pa., August 17.
Menno L. Hostettlers from New Wilmington, Pa., to Mayville, N. Y., in February.
Mose Hostettlers from Mechanicsville, Md. to Dry Run, Pa., July 8.
Mose S. Hostettlers from New Wilmington, Pa. to Westfield, N. Y., in May.
Noah J. Hostettlers moved to Ethridge, Tenn., December 28.
Crist J. Kauffmans from Middlefield, Ohio to Sherman, N. Y., November 16.
Dan Kauffmans from Strasburg, Pa. to Loganton, Pennsylvania.
Eldon Kemps from Nappanee, Ind. to Garnett, Kansas, in February.
Elmer Kings from Gordonville, Pa. to Howard, Pa., March 19.
Samuel Kings from Gordonville, Pa. to Mill Hall, Pa. in August.
Eli J. Kurtzes from Laurence Co., Pa. to Cashton, Wisconsin, November 17.
Harvey Lambrights from Medford, Wis. to Clark, Missouri, in July.
John L. Lambrights from Montgomery, Ind. to LaGrange Co., Ind.
Mervin Lambrights from Montgomery, Ind. to LaGrange Co., Ind., February 26.
John E. Lapps from Quarryville, Pa. to Loganton, Pennsylvania, in April.
Enos Lees from Somerset, Pa. to Cashton, Wis. April 12.
John M. Lees from Bowling Green, Mo. to Marshfield, Mo., December 7.
Dannie Masts from Westly, Wis. to Wilton, Wis. July 15.
Eli Masts Jrs. from Holladay, Tenn. to Jamestown, Pennsylvania, January 15.
Bishop John Masts from Clark, Mo. to Chetek, Wis.
Abe E. Millers from Wayne Co., Ohio to Ashland County, Ohio, March 23.
Andy M. Millers from Middlefield, Ohio to Sherman, New York, December 7.
Andy Millers from Geauga Co., Ohio to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, in July.
Christ H. Millers from Smicksburg, Pa. to Conewango Valley, N. Y., March 30.
Danny R. Millers from Holladay, Tenn. to Kinsman, Ohio, in April.
David J. Millers from Wadena, Minn. to Huntingdon, Tennessee, April 13.
David U. Millers from Smicksburg, Pa. to Spartansburg, Pa., August 30.
Eli J. Millers from Wayne Co., Ohio to Heuvelton, New York, in December.
Eli Millers from Guys Mills, Pa. to Middlefield, Ohio, February 28.
Eli Millers from Hamilton, Ind. to Orange Co., Ind., March 26.
Emanuel A. Millers from Wayne Co., Ohio to Ashland Co., Ohio, March 23.
Enos D. Millers from Middlefield, Ohio to Clymer, New York, December 8.
Harvey H. Millers from Wroxeter, Ont. to Dover, Delaware, November 10.
Harvey Millers from Wakarusa, Ind. to Topeka, Ind., April 3.
Henry L. Millers from Goshen, Ind. to Kokomo, Ind. February 26.
Henry Millers from New Glarus, Wis. to Evansville, Wisconsin, December 28.
John C. Millers from Ashland, Ohio to Norfolk, New York, January 21.
John W. Millers from Smicksburg, Pa. to Spartansburg Pennsylvania, May 11.
Levi C. Millers from Ashland, Ohio to Greenwood, Wisconsin, March 10.
Lester Millers from Minnesota to Blair, Wis., April 1.
Lester Millers from Paraguay to Orange Co., Ind., in April.
Milvin J. M. Millers from Middlefield, Ohio to Sherman, N. Y., November 26.
Roy Millers from Applecreek, Ohio to Greenwood, Wisconsin, May 6.
Samuel Millers from Amherst, Wis. to Chetek, Wis., September 17.
Steve R. Millers from Holladay, Tenn. to Kinsman, Ohio
Wallace M. Millers from Middlefield, Ohio to Sherman New York.
William J. Millers from Punxsutawney, Pa. to Spartansburg, Pa., In November.
William Millers from Riverside, Iowa to Crofton, Ky. March 5.
Harry Mishler Jrs. from Bloomfield, Iowa to Middlebury, Ind., February 24.
Melvin Mullets from Florida to Mt. View, Mo. March 30.
Amos Nissleys from Dover, Del. to Huntingdon, Tennessee, August 17.
John Peacheys from Juniata Co., Pa. to Guthrie, Ky.
Molly Peacheys from Mifflintown, Pa. to Belleville, Pa., March 17.
Bishop Ben L. Petersheims from Clark, Mo. to McIntire, Iowa, in April.
Andy Planks moved to Evansville, Wis. in November.
Raymond Rabers from Ashland, Ohio to Westby, Wis. in March.
Roy J. Rabers from Ind. to West Union, Ohio, November 11.
LaVerne Schmuckers from Bronson, Mich. to Huntingdon, Tenn., in January.
Amos N. Schwartzes from Fremont, Ind. to Spencerville, Ind. February 28.
Jake N. Schwartzes from Fremont, Ind. to Spencerville, Ind. February 26.
Sam Schwartzes from Shipshewana, Ind., to Bronson, Michigan, March 6.
Atlee Shetlers from Fairbank, Iowa to Utica, Minn., January 15.
Levi N. Shetlers from Randolph, N. Y. to Fryburg, Pennsylvania, March 27.
Dan D. Schrock Jrs. from Arthur, Ill. to Windsor, Mo.
Perry Schrocks from Wyal to Huntingdon, Tenn, February 5.
Eli M. Schrocks from Clark, Mo. to McIntire, Iowa, September 29.

Harvey Schrocks from Milroy, Ind. to West Union, Ohio, October 21.
Marvin Schrocks moved to Rexford, Mont., Oct. 16.
Monroe Schrocks from Clark, Mo. to McIntire, Iowa, in April.
William Schrock Jrs. from Wadena, Minn. to Blair, Wisconsin, November 29.
Mahlon Sommers' from Jackson Center, Pa. to Cashton, Wis., April 12.
Aaron Stoltzfus' from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Cumberland Co., Pa., March 3.
Ammon Stoltzfus' from Lancaster Co., Pa., to Cumberland Co., Pa., in October.
Ben Stoltzfus' from Lancaster Co., Pa., to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, in March.
Christ Stoltzfus' from Honey Brook, Pa. to Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, March 10.
Daniel Stoltzfus' from St. Marys Co., Md. to Willow Hill, Pa., March 10.
Dan U. Stoltzfus' from Mechanicsville, Md. to Path Valley, Pa., March 11.
Elam B. Stoltzfus' from Quarryville, Pa. to Mill Hall, Pennsylvania, in April.
Elmer Stoltzfus' from Talmage, Pa. to Mill Hall, Pa., March 4.
Ike Stoltzfus' from Kirkwood, Pa. to Montour Co., Pennsylvania, in February.
Jacob K. Stoltzfus' from Quarryville, Pa. to Trout Run, Pa., March 24.
Bishop Dan Stutzmans from Jamesport, Mo. to Windsor, Mo., December 8.
Delbert Stutzmans from Garnett, Kan. to Hicksville, Ohio.
Herman Stutzmans from Haven, Kan. to Jamesport, Missouri, March 8.
John E. Stutzmans from Hazelton, Iowa to St. Charles, Minn., December 1.
John Stutzmans from Fairbanks, Io. to Utica, Minn.
Junior Stutzmans from Milroy, Ind. to Holmes Co., Ohio, January 31.
Andy J. Swartzentrubers from Homerville, Ohio to Wayne Co., Ohio, in March.
Dan L. Swartzentrubers from New Wilmington, Pa. to Westfield, N. Y., in October.
Dan N. Swartzentrubers from Wayne Co., Ohio to Harmony, Minn. in March.
Christ M. Troyers from Middlefield, Ohio to Smicksburg, Pa., February 17.
Dan G. Troyers from Milroy, Ind. to West Union, Ohio, August 24.
Daniel Troyers from Holmes Co., Ohio to Milroy, Ind., February 2.
David M. Troyers from Holladay, Tenn. to West Farmington, Ohio, January 8.
Ivan D. Troyers from Milroy, Ind. to West Union, Ohio, November 1.
John D. Troyers from Milroy, Ind. to West Union, Ohio, August 24.
John H. Troyers from Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa. to Norfolk, N. Y., in April.
John M. Troyers from Troutville, Pa. to Smicksburg, Pennsylvania, September 21.
Orla Troyers from Shipshewana, Ind. to Townville, Pennsylvania, in January.
Sam S. Troyers from Randolph, N. Y. to Michigan.
Walter Troyers from Middlefield, Ohio to Clymer, New York, May 19.
David Waglers from Aylmer, Ont. to Bloomfield, Iowa, October 26.
Joe Waglers from Aylmer, Ont. to Bloomfield, Iowa, October 17.
Danny Weavers from Holladay, Tenn. to Geauga Co., Ohio, in March.
Allen Wengerds from Topeka, Ind. to Amherst, Wis. February 18.
Atlee Wengerds from Middlefield, Ohio to Clymer, New York, August 27.
Noah Wengerd Jrs. from Middlefield, Ohio to Meadville, Pa., May 4.
Noah Wengerds from Middlefield, Ohio to Clymer, New York, May 9.
John Henry Whetstones from Nappanee, Ind. to Brodhead, Wis., January 22.
Abe J. Yoders from Hazleton, Ind. to Utica, Minn., September 29.
Abe Yoders from Hamilton, Ind. to Kenton, Ohio, March 24.
Albert N. Yoders from Kalona, Iowa to Aylmer, Ontario, November 9.
Alvin A. Yoders from Hazelton, Iowa to Utica, Minnesota, February 26.
Amos J. A. Yoders from Fairbank, Iowa to Utica, Minnesota, November 2.
Amos Yoders from Camden, Mich. to Allen Co., Ind. in March.
Amos Yoders from Medford, Wis. to Wilton, Wis.
Andy P. Yoders from Wayne Co., Ohio to Homerville, Ohio, November 18.
Ben Yoders from Aaronsburg, Pa. to Belleville, Pa. in January.
Dan S. Yoders from Mt. Hope, Ohio to Freeport, Ohio, March 12.
Eli Yoders from Wroxeter, Ont. to Marshfield, Mo., April 20.
Eldon Yoders from Bremen, Ind. to Belle Center, Ohio, April 14.
Enos E. Yoders from Fredericksburg, Ohio to Depeyester, N. Y., in February.
Ervin L. Yoders from Geauga Co., Ohio to Cochranton, Pa., April 7.
John R. Yoders from Port Washington, Ohio to Heuvelton, N. Y., December 21.
Junior Yoders from Anabel, Mo. to McIntire, Iowa, March 20.
Levi Yoders from Anabel, Mo., to Riceville, Iowa, March 19.
Marvin Yoders from Kalona, Iowa to Crofton, Ky. Mar.
Melvin R. Yoders from Ashland, Ohio in November.
Preacher Mose S. Yoders from New Wilmington, Pa. to Lander, Pa., in March.
Perry A. Yoders from Hazelton, Iowa to Utica, Minnesota, December 2.
Ruby Yoders from New Wilmington, Pa. to Sugar Grove, Pa. in February.
William A. Yoders from Ind. to Amherst, Wisconsin.
Willis Yoders from Wroxeter, Ont. to Guys Mills, Pa., October 2.
Aden Yutzeys from Milroy, Ind. to West Union, Ohio, September 30.
Freeman Yutzeys from Milroy, Ind. to Belfontaine, Ohio, September.
John S. Zooks from Quarryville, Pa. to Montour Co., Pennsylvania, in October.
Moses Zooks from Kinzers, Pa. to Delta, Pa., May.

In 1976 there were over 200 migrations reported with new settlements started at Mayville and Clymer in New York; West Union and Andover in Ohio; and Trout Run in Pennsylvania. Also quite a few moved into Nittany Valley where there had been only two families before. C. J. Stoltzfus

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE MILLER FAMILY OF SHILLINGTON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

(175) Lydia Schmucker (157), born in 1846, married to Joseph Zook, born in 1846, they lived in Howard County, Indiana; (176) John Schmucker (157), born in 1853, married to Rosina Garber, born in 1848. They lived in Allen County, Indiana, where they raised most of their family—namely, (177) Peter Schmucker (176), married to Susan Lengacher. If the writer has it right, he was minister and bishop and made frequent visits to Lancaster County. (178) John J. Schmucker (176), married to Katie Miller, daughter of Elias D. and Amanda (Knepp) Miller; (179) Anna J. Schmucker (176), married to Michael Zehr of Allen County. (180) Christian Schmucker (157), married to Catherine Christner. They with their family lived in Howard County, Indiana.

Another daughter of Christian and Sarah (Miller) Nissley was (181) Anna Nisley (114), born May 3, 1819, died in 1891, married to Jacob Raber Jr., born in 1825 in Switzerland, died at Middlebury, Indiana, son of Jacob Sr. and Catherine (Egly) Raber who came to this country in 1837. (182) Sarah Raber (181), born in 1845, married to Benjamin Troyer, it appears as if they died without children. (183) Katie Raber (181), born in 1847, died in 1901, married to Joseph Gingerich, son of Christian and Catherine (Orendorf) Gingerich. She then married her second husband, Samuel Miller, they lived in Daviess County, Indiana, and Arthur, Illinois, and had ten children—namely, (184) Mary Gingerich (183), married to William Yoder who had lost part of his hand in a corn shredder in 1903. He died in 1949 at Arthur, Illinois. (185) John Gingerich (183), born in 1873 in Daviess County, Indiana, died in 1944, married to Lydia Hershberger, daughter of John and Naomi (Miller) Hershberger. He was ordained minister in 1910, very likely in Howard County, Indiana. To mention one of his sons is (186) Abraham J. Gingerich (185), who is a deacon in Howard County at the present time; and also a daughter, (187) Emma J. Gingerich (185), married to Noah J. Hochstetler, son of John and Mattie (Schmucker) Hochstetler. He at the present time is minister and bishop in Howard County, Indiana. (188) Abraham R. Gingerich (183), born in 1875 in Daviess County, married to Catherine Eicher, daughter of Christian and Adaline (Ruby) Eicher. They had lived at Wolford, North Dakota, where he was minister and bishop, and also his son-in-law, Mahlon L. Yoder, was minister, and ordained bishop in 1935. (189) Annie Gingerich (183), married to Joseph S. Stoll, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Swartz) Stoll. They had a large family at Wolford, North Dakota, being mostly affiliated with the Mennonite Church. (190) Mattie Gingerich (183), married to Daniel J. Lee. They lived at Arthur, Illinois, and Wellington, Kansas. (191) Jacob J. Gingerich (183), born in 1880 in Daviess County, Indiana, married to Emma J. Hershberger, daughter of John and Naomi (Miller) Hershberger. They lived in Howard County, Indiana. (191) Joseph J. Gingerich (183), born in 1883 in Daviess County, Indiana, married to Sally D. Yoder, daughter of Dan and Susie (Kauffman) Yoder. Their family is mostly in Arthur, Illinois. (192) Christian J. Gingerich (183), born in 1885 in Daviess County, Indiana, married to Annie E. Brenneman, daughter of Elias and Maryann (Otto) Brenneman. They were at Arthur, Illinois, where most of their children still live, including the well-known Abraham C. Gingerich who was ordained minister in 1953 and bishop in 1954. (193) Katie Gingerich (183), married to Levi J. Garber, they at one time lived at Rolette and Wolford, North Dakota, being mostly affiliated with the Mennonite and more liberal churches. (194) Sarah J. Gingerich (183), born in 1889 in Daviess County, married to Simon E. Brenneman, son of Elias J. and Maryann (Otto) Brenneman. Simon was minister in the North Fairbanks District at Arthur, Illinois. They had several children. One daughter, (195) Annie Brenneman (194), was married to Andy J. Miller. A tragedy occurred in this family when two of their children died from burns on December 16, 1950. The oldest daughter, Viola, then nine years old, wanted to start a kitchen fire and mistakenly used gas instead of kerosene. The parents were at the barn doing the milking when Viola came running with her clothes on fire. When the parents came to the house the ten month old baby was also burning. They was rushed to the hospital but were somewhat delayed on account of snow. They both died the next morning just before one o'clock, a few minutes apart.

(196) Samuel Raber (181), born in 1849, died in 1929, married to Susanna Garber of Middlebury, Indiana. No children were born to this union. (197) Mary Raber (181), born in 1852, died in 1912, married to Daniel C. J. Miller, son of Jonas Miller. Their children are (198) Jonas Miller (197) of Goshen, married to Anna Chupp; (199) Samuel D. Miller (197) of Topeka, married to Mattie Bontrager; (200) Anna D. Miller (197), married to Samuel Y. Lehman, son of Yost and Elizabeth (Stutzman) Lehman. He was ordained minister in 1910 and bishop in 1940. They have a son, (201) Eli S. Lehman (200), who is minister and bishop at LaGrange, Indiana, at present. (202) Samuel S. Lehman (200), married to Polly Bontrager, they are at the present time living at Medford, Wisconsin. A daughter, (203) Fannie Lehman (200), is married to Jonas D. Yoder of Apple Creek, Ohio. Their daughter, (204) Anna Yoder (203), is married to Eli Burkholder who is a minister, and a son, (205) Eli Yoder (203), married to Ella Shetler, is a minister at Conewango Valley, New York. (206) Amos S. Lehman (200) of Milford, Indiana, married to Sarah Emma Miller, daughter of Ezra Miller, he was ordained minister in 1952. (207) Katie D. Miller (197), born in 1879, married to Eli E. Hershberger. Their children are mostly around Middlebury and

Goshen except Levi E. Hershberger, who is at Fairbanks, Iowa. (208) Barbara D. Miller (197), born in 1884, married to Katie Miller, daughter of Jacob H. Miller. To mention a few of this family is (210) Levi Miller (209), married to Katie Bontrager, the daughter of Andrew and Annie (Miller) Bontrager. Katie, wife of Levi, died several years ago from the results of an automobile accident enroute home from Kansas. Levi also has made several trips east and has been in Lancaster County. (210) Samuel J. R. Miller (209), married to Mable Schlabach. They moved to Paraguay, South America, where he is minister and bishop. Another is (211) Ida Miller (209), married to Joe A. Bontrager, who is minister at Middlebury, Indiana. (212) Mary D. Miller (197), married to Albert F. Miller, they lived at Fredericksburg, Ohio; (213) Joseph D. Miller (197), married to Fannie Chupp. He married second to Katie M. Lehman, and was minister at LaGrange County, Indiana.

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THE MISHLER FAMILY

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may suggest that our family name derives from a group in Germany called Mischeher. While it is doubtful that this theory merits true consideration for several reasons, it does hold significant historical interest which is perhaps worth repeating. The word Mischehe, meaning mixed marriage, a term fixed to a Mennonite congregation in Holland who partially tolerated mrriage of the Mennonite and non-Mennonite. Although this practice was common in early Anabaptist times, it was approached and forbidden by Dietrich Phillips more often than by Menno Simon himself. As early as 1568, it needed to be dealt with in South Germany and Alsace as it was strictly forbidden in the *Strassburg Abred.* The *Ornungsbrief Zu Steinfelz* again mentions Mishehe in 1752 (Clause 2). The *Essinger Ornungsbrief* 1779 mentions Mischehe in Clause 8. In spite of these firm marriage discipline degrees, the Mischehe practice gained grounds in European Mennonite churches in the nineteenth century. In 1830 Speyer wrote that the Amischen Mennoniten in Switzerland and France still hold fast to the old ornungbekenntnis concerning this practice of marriage. (See Mennonisches Lexikon, Vol. 3, page 139.)

To assume that our Mischler family name derives from a custom of this like is hardly feasible. The dates are somewhat out of range, beside the fact that it is literary questionable that our family name is of Mennonite origin, since the name does not appear in the Mennonite encyclopedia and it is absent in the Mennonitisches Lexicon as well.

The Mischlers, Mieschlers In Europe

This family name rarely appears in Anabaptist or Mennonite literature. There is, however, one outstanding incident in which a Yost Mieschler was active in a disputation between Swiss authorities and the Anabaptists in 1538. This is recorded in the Bernese Archives and is of special interest because other men with familiar Mennonite as well as significant Anabaptist names appear on this list who were present at this *Taufergesprach* in Bern. This group represented (perhaps some ministers) represented their brethren in regions of Bern in Hochstetten, Signau, Insbruck Schaffhaussen, Baierland, Eggiwyl, Walkringen, Thun, Summiswald, Madiswyl, Aarburg, Busswyl, and Burgdorf, which was the home of Jost Mieschler. Outstanding Anabaptist delegates named at this disputation are: Hans Haslibach; Hans Ryf (Reif), of Madiswyl (the home of Jacob Ammon); Hans Hotz and others. The Predikanten who arranged the place and time were Rappenstein and Pfister Meyer, who were ordered to arrange at the expense of the Anabaptist. Familiar to Mennonite names in America today were Neuenschwander, Gerber, Rupp, Schellenberger, Krahenbuhl, Schmacher, Kolp, Zaugg, Aberli, Brugger, Reif, Schneider and Herrman. On March 17, 1538, a council summary was established. The two writers shall agree on the minutes and lock them up in the state library and afterward decide if they should be printed and published. The Anabaptists were denied a transcript of the minutes and were regarded as *fremder tauffer.*

Another, Nicolas Mieschler is named in *Die Taufgesinnten Gemeinde,* by S. H. Geiser (page 190). Among a small group, who according to the authorities, have violated the 1533 mandate of Bern. They were accused of being in company with a *Tauffer predigt* (Anabaptist preaching) and were fined twenty pounds if they attended an Anabaptist meeting. Although we are unable to properly compare 20 lbs. of sixteenth century *gold* to todays American currency, it is quoted by Geiser to be *schwere gold-bussen* or a heavy fine to these poor peasants. Others listed among this group are Stoffel Waldi, Bendict Zeugspach, Hans Hub, Hans Schufelbuhl, and Margrit Mumentaler, along with Nicolas Mieschler Von Durrenroth.

One other account in our files, regarding to Mischler families in Europe is found in *List of Swiss Emigrants,* by Faust and Brumbach. In all probability the Mischlers that came to America in the second quarter of the eighteenth century originate from Schwartzenburg, Switzerland. From the above named book it is also evident that they were of the Amish or Mennonite faith in Europe because every account of them in this book associates them with family names of Bucher, Wenger, Waber, Stahli and Yoner (pages 20, 22, 28, and 65). From the first list it is clear that they applied for a leave for the Carolinas with a company led by a man named Striker, perhaps a land agent. Evidently this group of thirteen families decided to return before boarding the voyage, because a list of tax returns is given from the *Staatsrechnung* of 1735. Among this company were Ule Mischler and Jacob Stahli, who are both listed in the *Lists of Swiss Immigrants,* Vol. 1, to land at Philadelphia, August 26, 1735. Jacob Stehli is first taxable in Cumru Twp., Berks Co., Pennsylvania, in 1760. Another paragraph states that the Mischler family comes from the district of Schwartzenburg and possess some property of its own. Ulrich Mischler is a shoemaker by trade and is thirty years old. His wife, or perhaps sister, is called Elizabeth, and is twenty-five years old, and another sister, Barbara, is mentioned. Jacob Stehli is a lad of twenty years and comes with very little money. Another list refers to Hans Mischler, who has paid emigration tax in 1734-35, which again associated Jacob Stehli, Christian Weber, Hans Bucher and Hans Wenger, to the same list who are emigrating to the Carolinas. These names all appear on the August 26, 1735 ship list at Port Philadelphia. All of these except Hans Mischler took land claims in Lancaster and Berks Counties. There is a possibility that this Hans is the same man as Ulrich on the other list, although no definite comparrisons can be made from these Schwartzenburg tax lists. From another notation of these Schwartzenburg tax records we gain more fitting information to the Mishler family in our Fatherland in America: *April 22, 1751, Anna and Barbara Mischler of Schwartzenburg emigrated to America many years ago and request permission to withdraw their paternal inheritance. The government agrees to this and instructs the landvogt to pay over the capital to the proxy of the petitioners, who is not named, after the emigration tax of 10 per cent has been deducted.* A following document from the *Amtsrechnung of Schwarzenburg* continues: *Jacob Yoner from the canton of Basel, as proxy of the sisters Anna and Barbara Mischler, who have settled in Pennsylvania.*

The Mishlers in America

It is known for a number of years that Joseph and Jacob Mishler lived in Berks Co., Pennsylvania, but little more was known about the family, except the assumption that they were our present Amish Mishler forebearers. Recently a Chester Co. inventory was uncovered by Amos L. Fisher, of the Christian Zug estate which fills in many missing links to our first and second generation Mishlers. However, the whole story of our Mishler forebearers cannot yet be written. From a recent study of Hugh Gingerich, Silver Springs, Maryland, we notice a suggestion that the father of Jacob and Joseph Mishler may have been Ulrich Mishler, who is included on the September 15, 1749 ship list (Strassberger-Hinke) which is the same list where Jacob and Joseph are recorded, although they did not sign adjacent to one another as is common when a family appears on a ship list. A close study of the signature reveals that this Ulrich Mishler is the same man who came to Port Philadelphia on Ship Oliver in 1735, and has been warrented a tract of land in Cocalico Twp. on a branch of Cocalico called Middle Creek, in 1740. Although the exact location of his plantations has not been ruled out, it is in present Clay Twp., perhaps near the town of Clay. Since Jacob Mishler has also lived in Cocalico Twp., where he also died, an instant conclusion could be made to believe that Ulrich was the father of Jacob. Furthermore the dates fall well in line. In spite of this a Lancaster Co. intestate record of Woolrich Mishler, reports that he died in Cocalico Twp. in 1759, and Anna Swaller is the sole heir, which in general makes our theory void that Ulrich was our progenitor. Yet there are certain phrases in Continental legacy which needs more study. The intestate record mentions no widow nor former wife. The 1735 ship list names an Elizabeth Mishler, who according to Faust and Brumbach, was his wife or sister. In all probability he resorted to his homeland for a wife, perhaps a denominational choice. In 1749, he returned to America with a large group of Amish shipmates. Other associates to him in Cocalico were Jacob Yoner, Ulrich Stealy (a landjoiner), Hans Bucher, Hans Wenger and Benedict Booker, a witness to the settlement.

Back to the inventory of Christian Zug (immigrant) filed in Chester Co., in 1787, includes (after a list of amounts paid to his four sons and four son-in-laws) receipts of his former wife's children: Jacob S. Misher and Joseph S. Mishler, Christian Spiker, Christian Miller, and Jacob Perkey. His widows name is Anna. His former wife or second wife's name is Doderea (Dorothea?) Mishler, who is the mother of our Jacob and Joseph Mishler. Incidently, Christian Zug was married to our forebearer who had five children. Some family histories state that Christian Zug returned to his homeland after the death of his first wife. If this is true, Dorderea Mishler was a native of Switzerland at the time she married the second time. The 1749 (133C) ship list fails to include women and children. There is no second ship list for Christian Zug present at Philadelphia. Unless he came by another port it is doubtful that he returned to Europe. Jacob Mishler came to America single, he was perhaps a teenager when he first came. He is first listed among Berks Co. tax returns in Cumru Twp., in 1762 as a tenant with his brother, Joseph and step-brother, Christian Zug, who was then single. In 1764, he is listed in Oley Twp. In 1779, he is taxable in Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., as an inmate (living with someone else) paying only a head tax. Perhaps he stayed there until he died. He is buried in Denver, Pa. We have no record of him being a landowner. There was a Mishler Austillery in Denver, and some historians suppose he was the operator, but there were other Mishlers living in the area at that time and as yet we cannot be sure. We have no definite account of his family, some question the fact that he was married.

Joseph Mishler came to America also as a teenager. He was taxable in Cumru Twp., Berks Co., in 1762 as a tenanent. In 1771 he was taxable for a small property in Cocalico Twp. However, in 1772 and 1773, he was listed as an inmate. In 1776 he is listed Brothers Valley Twp., Bedford Co., Pa. (now Somerset Co.) where he probably died. Because we do not have on file any of his county probates, we cannot give his family in detail. According to the Hugh Gingerich studies he was married to AN Elizabeth and had eight children as follows:

1. Joseph married Elizabeth Hully
2. Christian married Susanna Miller.
3. John (no information)
4. Anna married David Liningstone.
5. Jacob married Veronica Maust.
6. David (no information)
7. Valentine married Barbara Lehman.
8. Samuel married a Veronica.

Other Mishlers in Cocalico, Joseph, Lancaster Co. Will Book M. page 212 died 1819, in Cocalico with property adjoining Henry Baer. His widow is Mageret and has eight children. Only three sons are named, Joseph, Jacob and John. Jacob shall have the home farm. Evidently Jacob Brubaker and John Martin are son-in-laws. It is most certain that this Joseph was a son of one of our forenamed Mishlers, but with the limited information on hand we are unable to properly place this family.

Joseph F. Beiler

THE MISHLER FAMILY

This months family name does not bear the popularity as do most other Amish family names in America, in fact to some of our Eastern readers the name may be completely unknown or even unheard of. However, most of our readers will well recognize it one aspect or another. In comparison to our total population the Mishlers are rare indeed There are none listed east of the Alleghenies, and comparably few in the West. In fact there are only three families listed in the LaGrange County, Indiana Directory (1970) which seems to be the home state of the Old Order Mishlers today. Rabers Almanac lists one ordained Mishler who is the well known Amos Mishler of LaGrange County, Indiana, a retired farmer and hickory chair maker. In affiliated Amish groups there are more although no actual count is available and the number is considerably larger in western Mennonite congregations. There is evidence that the number of Mishler families in Amish groups were holding steady if not declining in the last century. The 1871 minister list by John Funk contains one Mishler and another minister list of Funks Almanacs (no date) perhaps fifty years old, names a Fred Mishler of Indiana. Perhaps the profile of the Amish Mishlers of the last 150 years can be best viewed from the life history of the late Bishop Eli J. Bontrager, first published in 1953. He states that his grandfather Christian Mishler (1797) lived and died near Johnstown, Pa. His Grandmother Barbara Eash Mishler married after his death, to Daniel Miller, who migrated to Indiana in about 1860 with her children. Further on he states that several of my uncle Mishlers as well as my Mother became members of the Amish church. My Mishler uncles were young men during the time of the Civil War, Jacob and Henry joined the army. Henry Joseph, and Susan were members of the Brethren or the Dunkard Church. Jacob and William were Amish but later Jacob went with the Conservative Amish. Isaac, the youngest was a Mennonite. My Mishler uncles were mostly tall and strong men physically. If our tabulation from this statement is correct, William was the only one to carry forward the Mishler Family name. However, it is possible that former branches of the Mishler Family gave paternal off-spring to our church. The above named Christian Mishler was the son of Christian, who was the oldest son of Joseph Mishler, our general immigrant, who first lived in Berks Co. All in all the Mishler family in America today is small and scattered compared to most other father-land families, and have left only a trace inhabitance in father--land areas. From public directories, Lancaster Co. leads with a count of seven families mostly in the Litiz area. Nest is Berks Co. with four Mishler families, with Chester and Mifflin each having one family.

This meager paternal family count does in no way indicate a weak family. Like the statement for the Eli J. Bontrager life story that the Mishlers were tall and strong physically, the Mishler Prestige should be thought of as giving a strong Progeny to the Old Order structure of America, although mostly in maternal lines. We must remember that all men do have strong mothers on the spiritual basis. A vast multitude springs from our Mother Mishlers pioneers. Our immigrant Anna Mishler was remarried to Christian Zug, so this branch of our Zugs (Zooks) are step related to the Mishlers. While the Zug children lost their mother when they were young, Anna Mishler may have had a marked influence on the children. Her daughter, Veronica was married to Christian Miller of Shillington, Pa. (see Vol. 8, 1976 Diary, page 72). This union transmits an unusual volumn of prestige to our main body today. (See Current Articles Memories Of The Past, by Amos L. Fisher.) It has been estimated lately that over 75 per cent of all Old Order families today carry this family inheritance. Another daughter of Christian and Veronica (Mishler) Miller was Christina who intermarried to Christian Spiecher. According to the tabulation of Hugh Gingerich, Silver Springs, Md. a third daughter was married to Jacob Berky who may be the progenitors of some Berky families in western states today.

Another notable family deriving from a later Michler generation clan is the Preacher John E. Bontrager Family, well known as Hansie Bontrager, who married Barbara Mishler. This was an eminent family in LaGrange Co., Indiana, and were widely known.

All in all it is safe to say that a vast majority of Old Order families in America today carry Mishler blood in their veins. Perhaps more properly speaking, few have escaped it.

Name Spellings

Although the German spelling is Mischler, the family has established a standard of Mishler early in America. Another early German spelling is Meischler. The Strassurger-Hinke *Penna. German Pioneer* list adds Misseler as a second spelling. Faust and Brumbach, *Lists Of Swiss Emigrants* add Messler and Meyssler as alternate spellings.

The origin of the name can not be ruled out from records in our files. However, some theories

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ALLEN CO., IND., FIRE FATAL TO TWO

Leah Delagrange and Betty Kauffman were burned to death around 2 o'clock in the morning of March 9th when their house burned. Betty was the first one to wake, smelled smoke, and woke the rest of the family. She handed her son to her husband and he thought she was following him out. They found her just two feet from the door from which she had fallen back, and Leah was found lying face down about six or eight feet inside the door. (See obituaries)

PA. COACHMAKER DIED AT AGE 60

John M. Lapp of Intercourse was dead on arrival at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital Sunday morning, March 13th. He was stricken at the home of Amos J. King soon after arriving there to attend church services. He was a well-known coachmaker whose skill with his hands as a coach restorer and craftsman brought him customers from all parts of the nation. A member of a group not given to advertising Lapp found himself, nevertheless, being requested to restore buggies, surreys, sleighs, carriages, coaches, and other horse drawn equipage for a broad variety of collestors and museums. He started his business in 1946 and by 1950 was operating a nationally known restoration business. In 1967 he, with his skilled workers, completely dismantled and restored a carriage owned by President Buchanan, now on display at Wheatland, in Lancaster. He also did restoration for Smithsonian Institution. (See obituary)

MARSHFIELD, MO., ACCIDENT

Abie, 14-year-old son of David Kinsinger, received a broken leg when the team ran off for him in the wagon. Before he got them under control they straddled a cedar tree that stopped everything, and pinned his foot down, breaking his leg. It is healing nicely.

PA. MAN KILLED IN CAR-BUGGY COLLISION

Emanuel F. King, 56, Gordonville R1, was killed almost instantly when a car crashed into the back of his horse-drawn buggy on Route 30, a mile east of Gap, about 6:45 a.m. Thursday, March 17th. The crash occurred just over the crest of Gap Hill. The driver of the car said she was blinded by the glare from the sun as she was reaveling east over the crest of the hill. Both King and his horse were hurled into the air by the impact. The horse also died in the crash. After the impact, the car carried parts of the buggy across the highway for 273 feet, strewing pieces of the buggy along the roadway.

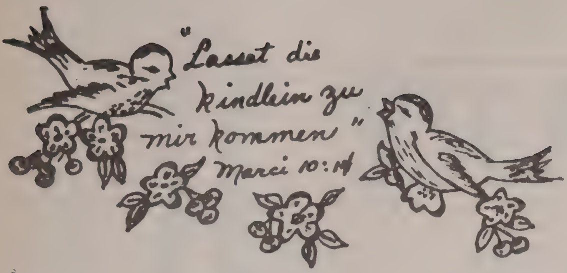
(See obituary)

HOLMES CO., OHIO, MAN KILLED BY FALLING TREE

Henry A. Yoder, 36, was killed Thursday, March 24, while he and several other neighbors were helping a neighbor cut trees. Henry had cut down a large tree, which fell on the very edge of a stump. He had only one more cut to make to finish trimming out the tree, when the tree turned and severely pinched him between the five-foot limb yet on the tree and a ten-inch tree standing by it. This five-foot limb was cut off twice, further out. He had concussion of the head, broken ribs, punctured lungs, etc. He lived 1½ hours after it happened. (See obituary)

LIGHTNING STRUCK OHIO HOUSE

Lightning struck the house of Atlee L. Yoder's, of Dundee R1, at 2:30 a.m. March 18th. It hit a corner of an upstairs room where four boys were sleeping, littering the room with plaster but injuring no one. A corner of another room was also hit where no one was sleeping at the time, where it started burning in the plaster. The flames were soon extinguished by the family with help from the fire department. Only slight damage was done.



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, David E. (Sadie S. Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son, March 17.
Beiler David L. (Amanda King) Ronks R1, a dau. **Miriam Faith**, March 16.
Beiler, John (Rebecca Beiler) Ronks, a son **Eli**, March 16.
Beiler, Levi S. (Fannie F. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a son **Jesse S.**, Mar.25
Beiler, Melvin H. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter, March 5.
Esh, Benuel (Annie Beiler) Ronks R2, a son **Elmer B.**, March 31.
Esh, Samuel (Linda Fisher) Paradise R1, a daughter **Rosanna**, March 10.
Fisher, Aaron M. (Rachel B. Lantz) Strasburg, a son **Ivan Jay**, March 5.
Fisher, Benjamin L. (Emma King) Paradise R1, a dau. **Miriam K.**, Mar. 30
Fisher, John (Leah Lantz) Gordonville R1, a daughter **Rachel B.**, March 3
Fisher, John M. (Katie Z. King) Quarryville, R2, a daughter **Mary**, March 4
Fisher, Roy S. (Sylvia Lapp) Quarryville R3, a daughter **Saloma**. March 15
Glick, Levi (Sara Lapp) Quarryville R3, a daughter. **Hannah L.**, March 22
Hershberger, Christ (Annie Lapp) Ronks R1, a son **Elam**, March 23.
Kauffman, John E. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a dau. **Emma S.**, Mar7
King, Daniel (Susie Esh) Paradise R1, a son **Melvin E.**, March 16.
King, Elam E. (Sadie E. King) Quarryville R3, a daughter **Lizzie**, March 28.
King, Jonas D. (Priscilla King) Morgantown R1, a son, **Benuel M.** March 1.
King, Jonathan (Amanda Esh) Gordonville R1, a son **Stephen**, March 10.
King, Jonathan B. (Rachel Riehl) Kinzers R1, a son **Christian R.**, March27
Lantz, Jonathan (Sara L. Beiler) Gordonville R1, a son, March 28.
Lapp, Amos (Sadie Glick) Leola R1, a daughter **Mary Ann**, March 28.
Lapp, Daniel B. (Sylvia M. Glick) Lancaster, a daughter, March 25.
Lapp, Isaac S. (Emma S. Kauffman) Ronks R2, a son **Elam K.** March 4.
Riehl, Leroy S. (Fannie Fisher) Gap R2, a son **Amos Jay**, March 22.
Speicher, John J. (Fannie Ruth Fisher) Leola, a son **Mervin Jay**, March25
Stoltzfus, Abner (Sarah King) Peach Bottom R2, a son **Abner Jr.**, Mar. 10
Stoltzfus, David K. (Katie Stoltzfus) Ronks R2, a daughter **Arie**, March 15
Stoltzfus, Eli B. (Mima Stoltzfus) Gap R1, twin sons **Solomon and Simeon** March 6.
Stoltzfus, Elmer L. (Rachel B. Miller) Leola, a daughter **Rebecca M.**, Mar8
Stoltzfus, Melvin J. (Barbara S. Lapp) Lititz R2, a son **Leroy L.**, March 18
Stoltzfus, Sol J. (Anna R. Stoltzfus) Gap R2, a son **Solomon J. Jr.**, Mar.13
Stoltzfus, Stephen B. (Mary S. Stoltzfus) Kirkwood R1, a daughter **Amanda L.**, March 11.
Stoltzfus, Vernon B. (Barbara Fisher) Honey Brook R2, a daughter **Betty F.** March 29.
Zook, Benjamin (Elizabeth Stoltzfus) East Earl R1, a son **Stephen**, Feb.26
Zook, JosephB. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Oxford R3, a son **Reuben James**, Mar6
Zook, the late Moses (Katie Zook) Delta R2, a son **Elmer M.**, March 3.

St. Mary's Co., Maryland

Hertzler, Andrew (Sarah Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville, a son **Amos M.** Mar.8.
Hertzler, Reuben (Sarah Hostetler) Mechanicsville, a daughter, **Susanna**, March 8.

Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania

Lapp, Aaron F. (Fannie Lapp) Myerstown R2, a dau. **Rebecca**, March 17.
Lapp, Moses S. (Ruth Fisher) Myerstown R2, a son **Samuel**, March 2.

Clinton Co., Pennsylvania

Fisher, Amos (Lydia Kauffman) Loganton R1, a daughter **Annie**, born March 26, died March 31.

Nittany Valley, Pennsylvania

Ebersole, Abram (Mary Beiler) Bellefonte, a daughter **Fannie**, March 21.

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Tobias (Fannie Zook) Rebersburg, a daughtrer **Sallie**, March 1.

Juniata Co., Pennsylvania

Wengerd Andy M. (Anna Kanagy) Mifflintown R2, a daughter **Sylvia** February 9.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Kanagy, Ezra (Eva Peachey) Belleville, a son **Marvin**, March 12.
Peachey, Benjamin (Sarah Swarey) Allensville, a son **Benuel**, March 25.
Peachey, John (Katie Peachey) Belleville, a son **Elvin**, March 27.
Peachey, Sylvanus (Katie Swarey) Belleville, a son **Jacob**, March 20.
Peight, Jacob (Nannie Kanagy) Belleville, a daughter **Orpha**, March 19.
Yoder, Mose (Annie Peachey) Belleville a son **Samuel**, February 27.

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

King, Amos (Malinda King) Shippensburg R3, a son **Reuben**.
Miller, David (Mary Petersheim) Newburg R1, a son **Samuel**.
Petersheim, John (Lydia Stoltzfus) Newburg, a daughter **Sarah**, March 4.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Yoder, John (Sadie Kinsinger) Grantsville, Md., a dau. **Hannah**, Mar. 22.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

Coblentz, Allen E. (Sarah Miller) a daughter **Martha**, March 24.

Norfolk, New York

Troyer, John (Lydia Peachy) a son **Isaac** in March.

Geauga County, Ohio

Byler, Crist C. (Ruth Ann Bontrager) Middlefield R2, a son **Nelson Lee**, February 25.
Coblentz, Lester A. (Sara Miller) a daughter, March 10.
Miller, Albert J. (Susan Schmucker) a son **Albert Jr.**, March 10.
Miller, Freeman A. (Mary Byler) Middlefield R2, a son, February 24.
Miller, John E. J. (Mary Ann Schmucker) a daughter **Verna**, February 26.
Miller, Owen J. (Clara Shrock) a son **Marvin**, March 18.
Miller, Samuel J. (Esther Kurtz) Middlefield R3, a son **Robert**, March 3.
Miller, Uria W. (Lydia Maria Byler) a son **David**, February 28.

Wayne County, Ohio

Mast, Aden N. (Elizabeth Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a son **Noah**, Feb. 27
Miller, Aaron A. (Clara Hershberger) Apple Creek R1, a son **Wayne**, Mar.5
Miller, Joe C. (Anna Yoder) Dalton R2, a son **Daniel**, March 4.
Troyer, Aden J. (Clara Weaver) Fredericksburg R2, a dau. **Edna**, Feb. 21.
Troyer, Eli M. (Emma Gingerich) Apple Creek R2, a daughter, March 26.
Weaver, Henry S. (Esther Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a son **Leroy**, Mar.17
Weaver, Willis H. (Mary Esther Miller) Navarre R3, a dau. **Carolyn**, Feb.10
Yoder, Paul W. (Naomi Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a son **Aaron**, Mar. 22.

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Holmes County, Ohio

Beachy, Henry (Ada Yoder) Millersburg R3. a son **Curtis**, February 6
Beachy, Sylvanus (Alma Miller) Sugarcreek. a daughter **Celesta**, March 6
Erb, Ben (Fannie Raber) Millersburg R4. a son **Michael**, March 14
Fehr, Cornelius (Edna Troyer) Millersburg R4. a son **Jacob**, March 2.
Hershberger, Mose V. (Clara Miller) Millersburg R3. a son **Willis**, Mar. 21
Miller, Clarence (Edna Yoder) Millersburg. a daughter. February 17
Miller, Henry Jr. (Emma Miller) Big Prairie R1. a son **Nelson**, March
Miller, John W. (Fannie Schlabach) Beach City R1. a dau. **Marilyn**, Feb 26
Miller, Melvin J.M. (Esta Schlabach) Baltic R1 a son **Aden Ray**, March 19
Miller, Merle (Martha Troyer) Millersburg R4. a dau **Marnita**, March 4
Miller, Paul A. (Anna J. Miller) Dundee R1. a son **Paul Jr.**, March 1
Miller, Vernon M. (Erma Raber) Baltic R1. a daughter **Kathryn**.
Raber, Alvin L (Mary Stutzman) Baltic R1 a son **Wayne**, March 4
Raber, Levi N. (Lucinda Raber) Millersburg R3. a dau **Lizzie Ann**, Feb.22
Swartzentruber, Dan F (Wilma Troyer) Baltic R1. a dau. **Katie Mae**, March 12.
Troyer, Roman J. (Mary Yoder) Millersburg. R4. a dau. **Susan**, March 12.
Wengard. Henry (Betty Schlabach) Millersburg R4. a son **Daniel**, Mar 16
Yoder, Dean A. (Elizabeth Miller) Berlin. a daughter **Martha**, February 28
Yoder, Jr. L. (Susie Mast) Baltic R1. a son **Owen**, March 24

Branch County, Michigan

Eicher, Henry (Josephine J. Schwartz) Reading. a son **Jacob**, March 3
Schwartz, Amos E. (Sarah Q Schwartz) Quincy a daughter **Elizabeth**, March 7
Schwartz, Jake E (Elizabeth K. Schwartz) Quincy a son **Johnny**, March16
Schwartz. William K (Elizabeth J Schwartz) Reading a son **William**,Feb25

Centreville, Michigan

Miller, Amos (Lydia Bontrager) Centreville R1, a daughter, March 12.
Yoder, Orlis (Marietta Lehman) Mendon R2. a daughter **Martha**, March 6

Adams County, Indiana

Girod, Samuel M. (Barbara Wengerd) Berne R2 a son **Samuel**, March 7
Hilty, Lavern L.(Rachel Kauffman) Berne R1. a daughter **Naomi**, March21
Schwartz, David V (Mary E. Schwartz) Geneva R1 a dau. **Elizabeth**, Mar3
Schwartz, LeRoy L. (Josephine Wickey) Monroe R1. a son **Lonnie**, Mar26
Schwartz. Menno N. (Fannie Christner) Monroe R1. a dau. **Elizabeth**, March 1
Wickey, Emanuel (Becky Brandenberger) Monroe R1 a son **John**, Mar25
Wickey, Tobe (Margaret Christner) Berne R2. a dau. **Elizabeth**, March 12.

Elkhart County, Indiana

Bontrager, Oris (Vera Miller) Goshen. a son **Loren Dale**, March 8.
Barkholder, Simon (Esther Chupp) Middlebury R2. a daughter, March 23
Fry, Clarence (Polly Anna Whetstone) Middlebury. a dau. **Marlene**, Mar21
Lehman, Merlin (Mary Yoder) Middlebury. a daughter **Marlene**. March 13

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager. Daniel (Lizzie Ann Otto) Topeka R2. a son **Harley D.**, March12
Bontrager, Elva (Freida Schrock) Shipshewana R1, a dau. **Miriam**. Mar25
Bowman, Daniel (Polly Anna Miller) Shipshewana R1, a daughter **LydiaD**. March 25.
Detweiler. Daniel (Sue Ann Hochstedler) Shipshewana. a son **Glen Jay**, March 1.
Eash, Ora Jay (Irene E Hochstedler) LaGrange R1. a dau. **Sarah Mae**, February 25
Glick, Freeman (Nettie Lambright) Topeka R2. a son **David F.**, March 13
Hochstedler, Harvey (Lizzie Bontrager) a daughter **Rachel H.**, March 10.
Jones, Jacob D. (Loretta Fern Miller) Shipshewana R2. a son **Kenneth Wayne**, February 21.
Lehman, Floyd D. (Martha E. Miller) LaGrange R1, a son **Maynard F.**, February 23
Lehman, Perry (Fannie Bontrager) LaGrange R4. a son **Samuel P.**, Mar. 9
Miller. Eldon W. (Esther Yoder) LaGrange R1. a dau. **Regina E.**, March 13
Miller, Mervin (Ida Fry) a daughter **Polly Anna**, March 4.
Mullet, Ervin (Arlene Bontrager) LaGrange R2. a dau. **Norma E.**, March 9
Otto. Jerry M (Polly Anna Eash) LaGrange R1. a daughter **Sue J.**, Feb. 21
Otto, Wilbur (Sara Bontrager) Topeka R2. a son **John W.**, March 10
Raber, Mahlon (Freida Hostetler) Middlebury R3 a dau. **Leah Fern** Mar.
Schrock, Vernon (Susie Yoder) Shipshewana R1 a dau. **Rosetta**, Mar. 23
Troyer John (Lydia Yoder) LaGrange R1. a daughter **Miriam**, March 9
Yoder John (Ruth Ann Miller) Topeka R2. a daughter **Lillian Lou**, Mar. 14
Yoder, LaVern (Ruby Hostetler) LaGrange R1 a dau **Sara Jean**, March 8

Allen County, Indiana

Graber, Jonas (Rachel Eicher) a daughter **Naomi**, March 8.
Graber, Robert (Verna Schwartz) a daughter **Verna Mae**, March 8.
Miller, Daniel (Rosa Eicher) a daughter **Susan**, March 8.
Miller, Enos (Esther Eicher) a son **Eddie**, March 8.
Schmucker, Daniel (Anna Marie Delagrange) a dau. **Anna Marie**, Mar. 19.

Arthur, Illinois

Kauffman, Reuben (Leah Mast)a daughter, March 4.
Miller, Harvey (Mary Kuhns) a son, March.
Schrock, Willis H. (Ida A. Miller) a son, March 21.

Guthrie, Kentucky

Miller, Perry (Linda Kanagy) Guthrie R2. a son **Jonathan**, March 18.
Peachey, Thomas (Leah Yoder) Guthrie R2. a son **David Jonathan**, Mar29

Ethridge, Tennessee

Gingerich, Moses J. (Ella Yoder) a son **Peter**, March 24
Hershberger, Levi J. (Barbara Gingerich) a son **Amos**, March 12.

Audrian County, Missouri

Bontrager, John E. (Barbara Shetler) Clark, a son **Ora**, February 14.
Gingerich, Amos D. (Lydia Gingerich) Clark, a daughter, **Anna**, February
Gingerich, Eli E. (Mary Yoder) Clark, a son **Samuel**, March 12
Gingerich, Ura D (Mattie Petersheim) Clark, a daughter **Sarah**, March
Yoder, Daniel E. (Sarah Miller) Clark, a son **David** in March
Yoder, Eli M. (Lydia Gingerich) Clark. a daughter **Katie**, February 26.

Jamesport, Missouri

Bontrager, Edward E. (Mary Mast) a son **John**, March 4, died March 6
Kramer, Vernon (Rebecca Graber) a son **Melvin Joe**, March 22.
Stutzman, Atlee (Ida Detweiler) a son **Atlee Jr.**, March 25.
Yoder, Wilbur (Bertha Schrock) a son **Samuel**, March 9.

Pike County, Missouri

Barkholder, Johnny (Verna Schrock) Curryville, a dau. **Rosa**, February
Borntreger, Chester (Fannie Borntreger) Bowling Green, a daughter February 1.
Eicher, Sam (Mary Troyer) Bowling Green, a son **Daniel**, February 21.
Schwartz, Jake N. (Elizabeth Borntreger) Bowling Green a son **David**, March 7

Seymour, Missouri

Eicher, Petie (Annie Schmucker) a son **Petie**, February 22.
Hilty, Sam S. (Elizabeth P. Schwartz) a daughter **Ida**, February 2.
Schwartz, Petie N. (Ida Keupher) a son **Jonathan**, March 22.

Johnson County, Iowa

Bontrager, Wallace (Edna Miller) a son **Nelson**.
Kauffman, Norman (Sylvia Beachy) a son **Ernest**, March 15.
Miller, Joseph (Rhoda Kauffman) a son **Truman**, March 22.

Bloomfield, Iowa

Gingerich, Jerry (Lena Gingerich) a son **Joseph**, March 14.

Buchanan County, Iowa

Beachy, Jerry B. (Verna Helmuth) Hazleton, a son **Ray**, March 20.
Helmuth, William (Katie Raber) Hazleton. a son **Perry**, March 1
Yoder, Joe C. W. (Mary Nisly) Hazleton, a daughter **Ada**, March 3

Amherst, Wisconsin

Borntreger, Chris (Lydia Miller) a son **David**, February 18.
Borntreger, Enos (Katie Miller) a son **Benjamin**, March 11.

Medford, Wisconsin

Borntrager, Harvey (Sylvia Gingerich) a son Alvin. March 18

Cashton, Wisconsin

Bontrager, Joe E. (Magdalena Schmucker) a stillborn daughter, March 4
Helmuth, Joe (Susie Mast) a daughter **Esther**, March 2.
Miller, Melvin (Ada Borntreger) a son **Gideon**, March 1.

St. Mary's, Ontario

Hochstetler, Levi (Emma Yoder) a son **Abram**, February 19.
Troyer, Levi Jr. (Lizzie Ann Mast) a daughter **Miriam**, March 6.
Troyer, Noah (Ella Mast) a daughter **Lavina**, March 9

Lucknow, Ontario

Stutzman, Dan N. (Mary Stutzman) Lucknow R2. a son **John**, March 5

Milverton, Ontario

Schmidt, Ammon (Clara Kuepfer) a daughter **Marie**, March 2.
Schmidt, Mahlon (Erma Jantzi) a son **Joshua**, March 8.

BAPTISMS

Steuben County, Indiana
March 13, by Bishop Benjie Borntreger
Anna, daughter of Daniel and Barbara Hostetler
Ida, daughter of John and Marian Wagler

Branch County, Michigan
March 20, by Bishop Sam M. Schwartz
Samuel, son of Sam M. and Katie Schwartz
Menno, son of Reuben S. and Annie M. Girod
Isaiah, son of Noah N. and Katie Eicher
Susie, daughter of Sam M. and Katie Schwartz
Elizabeth, daughter of Noah A. and Barbara Schwartz
Josephine N., daughter of Noah A. and Barbara Schwartz

Allen County, Indiana
February 27, by Bishop John Graber
Esther, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wagler) Lengacher
David, son of David and Anna (Wagler) Zehr
David, son of Joseph and Mary (Miller) Eicher

Elkhart County, Indiana
Middle Fork District, March 6
Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller
Wayne Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra E. Miller
Fern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra E. Millers
Esther, daughter of Preacher and Mrs. Levi E. Bontrager
Esther, daughter of Preacher and Mrs. Henry Stutzman

Arthur, Illinois
February 20, South Prairie District
Anna Hostetler
March 6, South Fairbanks District
Milt, son of Deacon and Mrs. John Otto
Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amzie Kauffman
Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Herschberger
Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Plank
Katie Ellen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Gingerich
Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Yoder
Dorothy, daughter of Andy and Edna Miller
March 13, East Prairie District
Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller
Allen, son of Felty Kauman
Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Miller
Verna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Miller
Mattie Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schrock
Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller
March 13, North Prairie District
Kenneth Ray, son of Deacon and Mrs. Jonas Herschberger
Eldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Kauffman
Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller
Lester, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gingerich
Elmer Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gingerich
Marion, son of Mr. and Mrs Merle Gingerich
Betta Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Otto
Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Plank
Edna Fern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schrock

Bloomfield, Iowa
March 13, by Bishop George Gingerich
Steven, son of David and Ida Mae Wagler
Titus, son of David and Ida Mae Wagler
Marvin, son of Elmer D. and Pauline Yoder
Martha, daughter of Elmer D. and Pauline Yoder

Alymer, Ontario
March 20
Philip Wagler
Luke Gascho
Daniel Stoltzfus
David Stoltzfus

OBITUARIES

BEACHY, Mrs. Katie D., 84, Sugarcreek R1, Ohio
died Wednesday morning, March 23, in her home following a lingering illness. Born in Holmes County, she was a daughter of the late Daniel J. and Mary Ann (Yoder) Miller. Her husband, Bishop Albert J. Beachy, died in 1974. Surviving are five daughters and two sons, Mrs. Eli (Maryann) Burkholder of LaGrange, Ind., Lovina Beachy of Baltic R1, Mrs. Albert V. (Ada) Schlabach of Star Route, Millersburg, Mrs. Ben W. (Alma) Hostetler and Mrs. Alvin R. (Mattie) Miller of Sugarcreek R1, Vernon of Sugarcreek R2, and Noah of the home; a brother, Jacob D. Miller of Archbold; 50 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, three step grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren. A daughter, five sons, seven sisters, and eight brothers preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 25, at 9 a.m. in the home by Bishop Melvin J. Miller. Burial was in Troyer Cemetery, Clark Township.

BONTRAGER, Eli H., 61, Hutchinson, Kansas
died of a heart attack Friday morning, March 29, at the Hutchinson Hospital after an illness of three weeks. He turned 61 March 12th at the hospital. This was the father of that invalid Kenny Bontrager who died in June of 1974. He leaves his wife, two sons, two daughters, and an aged mother-in-law who was staying with them. The children are all married.

BORNTREGER, Rachel, 62, Clark, Missouri
died Tuesday morning, February 22, in her home. She had diabetes many years, then cancer was the cause of her death, was in bed only ten days. Rachel (Stutzman) was married to Mose S. Borntreger, who survives. To them were born two sons and eight daughters: Mrs. Edwin E. (Lizzie) Gingerich of Cashton, Wis.; Mrs. Crist E. (Amelia) Shrock of McIntre, Iowa; Mrs. Chrissie J. (Anna) Miller of Clark, Mo.; Christian, married to Susie E. Miller, of Riceville, Iowa; Mrs. Eli C. (Ida) Gingerich of Orleans, Ind.; Mrs. Eli J. L. (Mary) Petersheim of Clark, Mo.; Mrs. Jake L. (Rachel) Schwartz of Clark, Mo.; Mrs. Henry F. (Lena) of Clark, Mo.; Daniel, married to Mary E. Miller, of Clark, Mo. Her parents and three grandchildren preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held in the home Thursday, February 24, at 12:30 p.m. by Jonas S. Bontrager and Jake L. Petersheim in the big house and by Elmer W. Bontrager and Daniel S. Beachy in the small house.

DELAGRANGE, Leah, 68, Fort Wayne R9, Indiana
was burned to death in a house fire March 9th (see front page). She is survived by a brother, Joseph, with whom she lived, and five sisters: Mrs. Christ (Ruby) Schwartz of Fort Wayne R9; Mrs. Samuel (Esther) Troyer of Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa.; Mrs. Victor (Dena) Lengacher and Mrs. William (Maggie) Zehr of Grabill R.R., and Mrs. Irvin (Rosa) Yoder of Centreville, Michigan.

HILTY, Samuel R., infant, Bryant R1, Indiana

son of Reuben S. and Leah Hilty, was stillborn at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. Surviving are the parents, one brother, Reuben, 17, two sisters, Amanda, 16, and Anna, 13, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Graber Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hilty.

Funeral services were held at the Reuben Graber residence March 18th. Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

KANAGY, Miss Katie P., 71, Belleville, Pa.

died early Sunday morning, March 13, at the home of a niece, Noah B. Yoder's. She was stricken with a stroke last spring and was bedfast ever since. Born December 26, 1905, she was a daughter of the late Levi H. and Elizabeth C. Kanagy. Surviving are the following brothers and sisters, Miss Nancy, with whom she lived until she had her stroke, Levi P. Kanagy, Stephen P. Kanagy, and Mrs. Bennie (Gertrude) Peachey, all of Belleville. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Betsy, and two brothers, Rufus and Mose.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 15, at 9 a.m. at the Noah B. Yoder home by Samuel T. Peachey, and David Smoker of Lebanon County.

KAUFFMAN, Mrs. Betty, 25, Fort Wayne R9, Ind.

was burned to death in a house fire Wednesday, March 9th (see front page). She is survived by her husband, Freeman; a son, Andrew; her parents, Joseph and Marie (Lengacher) Delagrange, with whom they lived; four brothers, Lewis of New Haven R1, Joseph of Madrid, N. Y., Victor of Wintrop, N. Y., and John at home, and four sisters, Mrs. Daniel (Anna Marie) Schmucker of Grabill R3, Mrs. Alvin (Esther) Schmucker of New Haven R1, Mrs. Ben (Rosa) Graber and Martha of Fort Wayne R9.

Funeral services were held in the house by Bishop Benj. Bontrager of Steuben Co., Ind., and Bishop Levi R. Graber of Camden, Mich., in shed by Bishop Menno Lengacher of Spencerville, Ind., and Bishop John Graber. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery at Grabill, Indiana.

KING, Emanuel F., 56, Gordonville R1, Pa.

was killed in a car-buggy accident Thursday, March 17th (see front page). Born in Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late David M. and Fannie (Fisher) King. Surviving are his widow, Rebecca K. (Lapp) King; one son and three daughters, Benjamin L. of Gordonville R1, Fannie, wife of Elam S. Beiler, of Gap R2, Lydia, wife of Sylvan B. Lapp, of Atglen R1, and Mary, wife of Amos L. Stoltzfus, of Gordonville R1; 15 grandchildren; two sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Mary Fisher, Jonathan F., David F., John F., and Aaron F., all of Gordonville RD; and Arie, wife of Ezra F. King, of Kinzers R1.

Funeral services were held at the Benjamin L. King home Saturday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m. by Pre. Joseph F. Beiler and Pre. Levi S. Fisher, hymn read by Dea. Eli S. King. Burial was in Gordonville Cemetery.

KING, Samuel F., 71, Ronks, Pennsylvania

died Wednesday, March 16, at 11:20 p.m. at his home after an illness of four months of cancer. Before his retirement in November, 1976, he had been employed as a carpenter with H. M. Stauffer and Sons for eight years. Born in Ronks, he was a son of the late Christian B. and Sarah (Fisher) King. In addition to his widow, Mary Ann (Beiler) King, he is survived by six sons and three daughters, Christian B. of Gordonville R1, Lydia B. at home, David B. of Mifflinburg R3, Jonas B. of Goshen, Ind., Samuel B. of Middlebury, Ind., Levi B. of Ronks, Elizabeth B. at hoem, Benuel F. of Ronks, and Sara B. of Lancaster; 17 grandchildren; three sisters, Lizzie King and Barbara King of Mifflinburg R3, and Lydia King of Oreville Home, Lancaster; and two half-sisters, Sarah King and Katie King, both of Ronks R1.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 19, at 11:30 a.m., short services at the house by Pre. Jonas S. Beiler and Dea. Christ Lapp; further services at the Amos M. Beiler home by Pre. John K. Lapp and Pre. Samuel U. Fisher; hymn read by Dea. Jacob A. King; burial was in Beiler's Cemetery; hymn read by Dea. Levi Esh, abschied by Pre. John S. Fisher. Pall bearers were Samuel Esh, Leroy Smucker, Elmer Fisher, and Jacob Beiler. His age was 71 years, 7 months, and 12 days.

KUEPFER, John S., 83, Milverton, Ontario

died March 1st at the home of his son, Simon Z. Kuepfer, where he was born and lived all his life. He was a son of the late John and Rebecca (Schwartzentruber) Kuepfer. His wife, Maria Zehr, died in 1934. Surviving are two sons, Daniel of Millbank R1 and Simon of the home at Newton R1; three daughters, Fanny, Barbara, and Mrs. Menno (Rebecca) Albrecht; 30 grandchildren and one great-grandson; one brother, Bishop Solomon Kuepfer, and one sister, Mrs. Chris (Nancy) Kipfer. Five brothers and four sisters died previously.

Funeral services were held from the home on Friday, March 4, by Bishop Rufus Kuepfer. Burial was in Seventh Line Mornington Amish Cemetery.

MILLER, Daniel J., one year, Middlefield, Ohio

died in Geauga Community Hospital Wednesday, March 16, of congenital heart disease. Born February 13, 1976, he was a son of Joe A. and Esther (Miller) Miller. Surviving are his parents; one brother, Andy; five sisters, Mary, Susan, Ada, Lizzie, and Lydia; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy A. Miller of Middlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Miller of Spartansburg, Pa., and a great-grandfather, Joe D. Byler of Middlefield.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 18, at the residence by Bishop Eli J. Mullet.

MILLER, Jacob H., 3 days, Millersburg R3, Ohio

Graveside services were held Sunday, February 27, for Jacob, son of Henry M. and Amanda Miller. Surviving with the parents are six sisters, four brothers, grandparents, Mose A. Miller's and Mrs. John C. Yoder, all of Baltic R1. He was preceded in death by one brother.

LAPP, John M., 60, Intercourse, Pennsylvania
died Sunday, March 13th (see front page). Born in Leacock Township, he was a son of the late Moses B. and Annie (Zook) Lapp, and was the husband of Mary B. (Stoltzfus) Lapp. Surviving in addition to his widow are these children: Naomi, wife of David Stoltzfus, Gap R1; Katie, wife of Samuel L. Fisher, and Anna, wife of William B. Fisher, both of Newville R.D.; Sadie, wife of Elmer L. Lapp Jr., Soudersburg; Abner S. Lapp and Ben S. Lapp, both of Intercourse; a stepmother, Mrs. Katie Lapp, Myerstown R.D.; these brothers and sisters: Barbara Lapp and Katie Lapp, Jonas Lapp, David Lapp, Levi Lapp, and Annie, wife of David King, all of Myerstown R.D., and Moses Lapp of Gordonville R.D.; two stepsisters, Fannie Lapp, Myerstown, and Mary, wife of Menno Peachey, Mifflintown R2, and a stepbrother, Jacob Lapp of Mifflintown R2.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m., short services at the home by Bishop Enos Esh, hymn "Ach wie kurz ist unser leben" by Pre. Jonas Esh; further services at the Amos J. King home by Pre. Samuel Beiler of Nittany Valley and Bishop John L. Stoltzfus of Groffdale, hymn "O Susses wort, das Jesus spriecht" by Dea. Amos Lantz; burial was in Myer's Cemetery, hymn "Gute nacht, ihr meine lieben" by Moses Lapp of Lebanon, benediction by Stephen Zook. Pall bearers were Elam Lapp, Benuel Stoltzfus, Moses Lapp, and Benjamin Beiler.

MILLER, John N., 83, Dundee R1, Ohio
died in his home March 8th, following an apparent stroke two weeks before. Born in Holmes County, he was a son of Noah J. and Amanda (Middaugh) Miller, and was a life long resident of the area. His wife, Mary Ann Kurtz, whom he married in 1913, preceded him in death in 1958. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Atlee D. (Edna) Miller of the home; two sons, Ivan J. and Simon J. of Dundee R1; two sisters, Mrs. Mike J. (Katie) Yoder of Dundee R2 and Mrs. Albert D. (Mattie) Miller of Millersburg R4; one brother, William N. of Berlin, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, at 9 a.m. in the home by Bishop Isaac I. Miller. Burial was in Keim Cemetery.

MILLER, Noah, 41, Cashton, Wisconsin
died March 8th after being admitted to the hospital the 4th with Chronic Leukemia and a draining tumor. Surviving are his wife, Sara (Fisher) Miller, and nine children from two to 18 years old, four boys and five girls. The family moved to Fredericktown, Ohio, the week of the 15th.

SCHWARTZ, Mrs. Ann, 31, Geneva R1, Indiana
died at 7:24 a.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Clinic Hospital in Bluffton, where she had been admitted only a few hours earlier. She had been ill four weeks with a liver ailment but death was unexpected. She was born October 27, 1945, a daughter of Joseph E. and Elizabeth (Girod) Eicher, and was married August 27, 1972, to Jonas M. Schwartz, who survives. Also surviving are the mother of Berne R2; four brothers, Joseph J., Jacob J., Samuel J., and Benjamin J. Eicher, of this area; seven sisters, Mrs. Peter (Naomi) Neuenschwander, Mrs. Noah M. (Josephine) Schwartz, Mrs. Henry M. (Elizabeth) Schwartz, Mrs. Joe D. J. (Margaret) Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond N. (Emma) Schwartz, Mrs. Reuben N. (Mary) Schwartz, all of Geneva area, and Mrs. Samuel (Frances) Brandenberger of New Haven. Two children died in infancy.

Funeral services were held at the home of her mother and brother, Ben J. Eicher, March 16th. Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

SCHWARTZ, Mrs. Anna J., 86, Berne R1, Indiana
died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, March 14, at her home. Death was attributed to a complication of diseases, she was bedfast six weeks. Born November 22, 1890, she was a daughter of John and Catharine (Burkholder) Schwartz, and was married December 31, 1915, to Peter C. Schwartz, who died in November of 1964. Surviving are seven sons, John A., Amos A., Peter A., and Joe A., all of Berne area, Noah A. Schwartz of Montgomery, Mich., Jacob A. Schwartz of Parker, Ind., and Chris A. Achwartz of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Katie, at home; 54 grandchildren and 97 great-grandchildren; also four brothers and three sisters. A son and a daughter preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held March 17th at the home of a son, Joseph A. Schwartz. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery.

SCHWARTZ, Mrs. Joseph L., 80, Monroe R1, Indiana
died at 6:30 a.m. Monday, March 7, while eating breakfast after choking on a piece of toast. Born October 18, 1896, she was a daughter of David and Mary (Schwartz) Wickey, and was married to Joseph L. Schwartz, who survives and has been a minister for many years. Also surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Menno (Mary Ann) Girod, Mrs. John C. (Margaret) Schwartz, Mrs. Simon (Elizabeth) Troyer, Mrs. Jacob (Katherine) Girod, Mrs. Christian M. (Susie) Schwartz, and Mrs. Josiah (Becky (Beachy; four sons, David W., Menno W., Andrew W., and Dan W. Schwartz; six brothers, four sisters; 66 grandchildren and 167 great-grandchildren. A child in infancy and a sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held March 10th at the Dan W. Schwartz and Menno Girod residence on March 10th. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery.

STOLTZFOOS, Mrs. Malinda S., 40, Kinzers R1, Pa.
died Tuesday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m. at her home after an illness of one year. Born in Caernarvon Township, she was a daughter of Samuel K. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus and the wife of Christ F. Stoltzfoos. Surviving in addition to her parents, of Bird-in-Hand R1, and her husband, are four children, Daniel, Samuel, Ariana, and Henry, all at home; a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; and eight brothers and sisters, Sarah, Amos, and Rebecca, all of Bird-in-Hand R1; Arie, wife of Isaiah Glick, Lancaster; Joseph E. and Benjamin E.,

both of Christiana; Barbara, wife of Sam Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, and Katie, wife of Stephen Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1

Funeral services were held Friday, April 1, short services at the home by Stephen S. Fisher, hymn No. 369 read by John K. Lapp; further services held at 9 a.m. at the home of Amos F. Stoltzfus by Bishop Aaron Esh (he had baptized and married Malinda) and Bishop Henry S. Fisher, hymn No. 266 read by John Swarey of Path Valley. Pall bearers were Levi Swarey and Gideon Stoltzfus from Maryland, John Miller and Amos Lapp. Burial was at Gordonville Cemetery, hymn No. 32 read by Benuel King, abschied by Bishop Amos M. Stoltzfus.

TROYER, John Allen, 19, Sugar Creek R2, Ohio

son of Mose L. and Mary Ann (Yoder) Troyer, was instantly killed in a car wreck Sunday evening, March 6th. Funeral services were held March 9th in the Noah J. Coblentz District.

WHETSTONE, Emma Fern, 6 weeks, Millersburg, Indiana

died at 10 a.m. March 28 at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, following an illness since birth. She was born February 15, 1977, a daughter of David A. and Alma W. (Helmuth) Whetstone. Surviving with the parents are three sisters, Carol Ann, Martha Sue, and Lora Mae, all at home, and grandparents, Bishop and Mrs. Walter Helmuth and Mr. and Mrs. Amos J. Whetstone, all of Nappanee.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. March 30th at the Joseph Whetstone residence. Burial was in the Borkholder Cemetery at Nappanee.

YODER, Henry A., 36, Holmesville R1, Ohio

died Thursday, March 24, following a farm accident (see front page). Born in Holmes County, he was a son of Andy M. and Mary (Miller) Yoder, and was married to Susie, daughter of the late Ben J. Weaver's. Surviving are the parents, wife, one son, Bennie; four daughters, Mary Anne, Elsie, Nora, and Ruth, all of the home; two brothers, Roy and Eli of Holmesville R1.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 27, at 9 a.m. in the residence by Jacob Nisley of Conneautville, Pa., Andrew K. Lapp of Stark Co. and Bishop Andy J. Mast; at Andy M. Yoder's by Roy Wengerd and Bishop John J. Miller; at Eli D. Miller's by Paul B. Miller, John M. Miller, and Bishop Atlee E. Miller.

YODER, Mrs. Lena, 66, Kalona, Iowa

died at her home Monday, March 7, at the age of 66 years and three months. She was the last of her family and had been a lifelong resident of the Kalona area. Born December 7, 1910, she was a daughter of Joel and Amelia (Yoder) Miller, and was married December 12, 1929, to John S. Yoder, who survives. Also surviving are eleven children, Lydia, widow of John M. Bontrager of Anabel, Mo., Ruben of Iowa City, Albert of Richland, Wis., Ida of Kalona, Amelia at home, Mrs. Lester (Anna Mae) Coblentz and Mrs. Cephas (Emma) Yoder, both of Kalona, Mrs. Cristy (Mary Yoder of Fairbank, Ia., Mrs. Wm. (Nina) L. Bontrager of Windsor, Mo., Simon and Dennis, both of Kalona; 31 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Noah Miller, Mrs. Ezra Miller, and Mrs. Joe L. Miller, and one uncle, Mose P. Yoder. She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, two sons in infancy, and four brothers, Noah, Ezra, John, and Joe.

Funeral services were held March 10th at the old farm home, northwest of Kalona where Simon lives, by Bishop Henry B. Miller, and Bishop Chris Otto of Illinois; in the small house by Pre. Ben P. Bontrager of Wisconsin and Bishop Dan Stutzman of Windsor, Missouri.

YODER, Bishop Stephen J., 65, Parkman, Ohio

died Tuesday, March 29, of a heart attack. He was born in Middlefield, Ohio, March 23, 1912, and was a lifelong resident of Geauga County. He is survived by his widow, the former Fannie Hershberger, whom he married in 1937; five sons, Jonas, Levi, Joe, and Crist of Middlefield and Eli of Burton; three daughters, Esther Schmucker and Ada Byler of Burton and Mattie Slabaugh of Middlefield; three brothers, Joe Jay of Middlefield, Andy J. of Seymour, Mo., and Alfred of Franklin, Ky., and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Miller and Mrs. Gertie Miller of Middlefield.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 1, at his home. Burial was in the Hershberger Amish Cemetery.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Lancaster County, Pa.

Pre. Elam K. King, of Ronks R1, spent eleven days in St. Joseph's Hospital after he was kicked in the stomach by a horse Monday, March 21st. He had an operation on a torn intestine and one on an injured finger. He was still pretty weak but was coming along slowly.

Annie, wife of David E. Fisher of Bachmantown Road, Ronks R1, was in Philadelphia University Hospital thirteen days to have open-heart surgery. She was coming along real well but was not to do much work for quite a while.

NOTICE:

Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania
Department Of Health

The Penna. Department of Health has started a Child Health Conference (well baby clinic) at the Limeville United Methodist Church, R D #1, Gap, Pa. The clinic is held every 4th. Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. the next being April 26, 1977. The clinic provides physical examinations. immunizations, developmental testing and blood test for anemia for preschool children and blood pressures for adults. All services are free.

For further information call the Lancaster State Health Center 299-7597. Reminder: all children who will begin school in September 1977, are required by law to be immunized against diptheria, tetnaus, polio, measles and german measles. In order to complete these by September they must be started now.

Doris Kolb, R.N., Public Health Nurse

MARRIAGES

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Petersheim, Swarey - Abner, son of Bishop and Mrs. Tobe Petersheim, to Anna, daughter of Preacher and Mrs. David Swarey, March 24, by Bishop Tobe J. Petersheim, at Oakland Mills.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, Swarey - Sylvan, son of Crist B. and the late Nannie (Swarey) Peachey, to Katie, daughter of the late Jesse E. and Elsie E. (Byler) Swarey, March 17, by Bishop Crist B. Peachey.

Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Fehr, Gingerich - John, son of Isaac and Anna Fehr, to Amanda, daughter of John and Barbara Gingerich, by Bishop Alvin Coblentz.

Holmes County, Ohio

Miller, Raber - Alvin, son of Elmer and Erma (Schlabach) Miller, to Erma, daughter of the late John and Mrs. Ada Raber, March 17.

Yoder, Miller - Mose, son of Preacher and Mrs. Amos M. Yoder, to Annie, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Sam M. Miller, March 24, by Bishop John C. Yoder.

Bronson, Michigan

Miller, Bontrager - Joe D., son of Dave and Barbara (Bontrager) Miller, to Mary, daughter of Menno and Susie (Schlabach) Bontrager, March 31, by Bishop William P. Miller.

Centreville, Michigan

Miller, Yoder - Perry A., son of Ammon B. and Lydia (Bontrager) Miller, Wisconsin, to Norma, daughter of Vern and Miriam (Bontrager) Yoder, March 3, by Bishop William J. Bontrager.

Bontrager, Miller - William, son of Ezra and Marie (Bontrager) Bontrager, to Rosanna, daughter of Roman W. and the late Mildred (Gingerich) Miller, March 17, by Bishop William P. Miller.

Yoder, Miller - Neal, son of Willis D. and Fannie (Bontrager) Yoder, to Emma, daughter of Roman W. and the late Mildred (Gingerich) Miller, March 24, by Bishop William P. Miller.

Eicher, Schwartz - Emanuel, son of Noah and Katie Eicher, Montgomery, Mich, to Elizabeth, daughter of Joel and Millie Schwartz, Hamilton, March 24, by Bishop Jake Eicher of Bowling Green , Missouri

Schwartz, Borntreger - Joe R., son of Rudy M. and Lizzie Schwartz, Hamilton, to Fannie, daughter of Amos and Katie Borntreger, Ashley, February 17.

Adams County, Indiana

Schwartz, Eicher - Daniel S., son of Mr. and Mrs Sam M. Schwartz, Fremont, to Sarah M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eicher, Geneva, March 18.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Lambright, Miller - Widower Charles, to Emma, daughter of William S. and the late Edna Miller, March 3.

Schrock, Lambright - Andrew, son of Savilla (Mast) and the late Chris Schrock, Arthur, Illinois, to Elsie, daughter of Menno J. and Fannie (Schrock) Lambright, March 10.

Eash, Fry - Mervin, son of John and Verna (Miller) Eash, to Ida Carolyn, daughter of Vern D. and Wilma (Eash) Fry.

Arthur, Illinois

Herschberger, Herschberger - Andy Jr., son of Andy A. and Rosa J. (Herschberger) Herschberger, Howard County, Indiana, to Barbara Ann, daughter of Ervin C. and Tillie S. (Kauffman) Herschberger, March 24, by Bishop Andy Kauffman

Herschberger, Yoder - Ernest, son of Ervin and Tillie S. (Kauffman) Herschberger, to Marie, daughter of Noah and Clara Yoder, March 31.

Jamesport, Missouri

Bontrager, Kauffman - Vernon, son of Preacher and Mrs. Joe J. Bontrager, Laplatta, to Elsie, daughter of Preacher and Mrs. Lewis S. Kauffman, March 24, by Bishop Chris S. Kauffman of Milton, Iowa.

Seymour, Missouri

Eicher, Schwartz - Jake S. Eicher, Bowling Green, to Maggie Schwartz, Seymour, February 24, by Bishop Sam Schwartz of Branch County.

Eicher, Schwartz - Andy S. Eicher, Bowling Green, to Barbara N. Schwartz, Seymour, March 3, by Bishop Jake Eicher, Bowling Green.

Schwartz, Schwartz - Sammy J. Schwartz, to Priscilla P. Schwartz, Seymour, March 24, by Bishop Jake P. Schwartz, Seymour.

Audrian County, Missouri

Yoder, Beachy - Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Yoder, Jamesport, to Lydia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Beachy, Clark, March 10, by Bishop Willie E. M. Bontrager.

Orange County, Indiana

Beachy, Frey Jonas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S Beachy, Clark, to Edna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Frey, Paoli, March 17, by Bishop Joas Lambright.

Frey, Miller - Wilmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Frey, Paoli, to daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller, Paoli, March 24.

Wilton, Wisconsin

Borntreger, Borntreger - Enos, son of Joe A. and Susan (Miller) Borntreger, to Sara, daughter of Ben C. and Mary (Yoder) Borntreger, March 24, by Bishop Chris C. Borntreger of Greenwood.

Wadena, Minnesota

Schrock, Mast - Daniel Schrock, to Susie Mast, March 10.

Grey County, Ontario

Shetler, Zook - Emanuel, son of Levi L. and Mary (Hostetler) Shetler, to Elizabeth, daughter of Dan J. and Katie (Gingerich) Zook, by Bishop Sam L. Swartzentruber.

Norwich, Ontario

Miller, Shetler - Atlee G., son of Gideon E. and Sarah (Stutzman) Miller, Springford, to Ada, daughter of William and Mary (Shetler) Norwich, March 17, by Bishop Eli Swartzentruber.

COMMUNITY NOTE – St. Mary's County, Maryland

Jake and Emma Kurtz came near losing the roof of their block house Thursday, March 17, when burning trash blew to the woodshed and it caught fire, with two drums of kerosene which greatly intensified it. The wind was toward the house close-by, and the washhouse, porch, and west end of the house were burning when the fire trucks arrived. About one fourth of the house roof, the washhouse top, and porch roof needed replacing, which was done that day yet, except shingles. Emma was about ready to go bring Jake home from the hospital when this happened, where he had spent a few days on account of fluid.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Nittany Valley, Pennsylvania

Jacob, age two, son of Samuel King's of Mill Hall, received a broken leg Friday, March 25, while playing on concrete blocks. He was taken to Lock Haven Hospital and put in traction till they put a body cast on. He came home the 29th and had to be in a cast for six weeks.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Ethridge Tennessee

Levi, two-year-old son of Levi J. Hershberger, got a popcorn kernel in his lungs Thursday evening, April 3, while picking through the odds and ends of a plate left standing after eating popcorn. He was taken to a Lawrenceburg hospital then rushed to Nashville Vanderbilt Hospital. They thought he would come home the next day but he started coughing so they had to check his lungs to make sure they were clear. He was in critical condition for a while.

NOTES AND WEATHER, by Menno A. Diener

Arthur, Ill. – March has been a rather pleasant month, temperature ranging from near zero to 72 above. Some apricot trees are about ready to bloom and it looks like we might get a few peach blooms. Had nice rains about the middle of the month, although some lightning. The 17th about midnight lightning struck Eli G. Kaufman's house, doing some damage. A bed started burning. The fire truck was called from Arthur and the fire was soon put out, but there was some smoke, water, and other damage. Had more rain about the 27th so that during the month we had a little over four inches, so that the tile are running again. Most of the oats are sown and some of the plowing has been done. Grass fields are beginning to green up. In North Fairbanks District we had counsil, expect to have communion on Easter. The writer and wife and several of the grandchildren made a trip to Nappanee, Indiana, over the 27th.

FEEBLE PEOPLE, Johnson County, Iowa

We have a number of feeble people in our area that are nearly helpless—namely, Edw. Yoder, nearly 80 years old; Noah M. Yoder, 72; Menno I. Miller, 84; Ruth Hershberger, close to 60, and Wm. G. Hochstedler, 72.

Der Herr ist
mein Hirte.,
Ps. 23:1

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Menno E. Fisher - Changed from 814–587–4151
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Chetek, Wisconsin

Kermit Zinsmater, Dallas, Wis, - 715–837–1153
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MIGRATIONS

David Kinsingers moved from Marshfield, Mo., to Myersdale, Somerset Co., Pa.

John Esh's moved from Georgetown, Lancaster Co., to Franklin Co., Pa., in March.

Jonathan Beiler's moved from Pleasant Hall, to to Wakefield, Lancaster Co., Pa., in February.

Christ King's moved from Newburg to Ronks, Lancaster Co., Pa., in March.

Stephen Stoltzfus' moved from Franklin Co. to Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa., in January.

Ben Stoltzfus' moved from Franklin Co. to Mill Hall, Pa., in February.

Harlan Wedrick's moved from Lowville, New York, to Franklin Co., Pa., in December. These people are going to the Amish Church in Franklin County.

Bishop Menno Schwartz's Jr. moved from Hazleton, Iowa to Utica, Minnesota, March 24th.

Eli J. Yoder's moved from Fairbank R1, Iowa, to St. Charles, Minnesota, March 29th.

Ben Hochstetler's moved from Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, to Cashton, Wisconsin, March 18th.

John J. Bontrager moved from Fairbank, Iowa, to St. Charles, Minnesota.

Noah Gingerich moved from Fairbank, Iowa, to St. Charles, Minnesota, April 1st.

Lester Detweiler's moved from Hazleton, Iowa, to Evansville, Wisconsin, March 24th.

Neal Kurtz moved from Bertha, Minnesota, to Fairbank, Iowa, March 8th.

Deacon Christ J. Yoder moved from LaGrange, Indiana, to Fairbank, Iowa, February 24th.

Emanuel Mullet Jr. moved from Fairbank, Iowa, to Cashton, Wisconsin, March 1st.

Emanuel Helmuth moved from Hazleton, Iowa, to Evansville, Wisconsin, March 11th.

Bishop Menno Schwarz moved from Hazleton, Iowa, to Utica, Minnesota, March 24th.

Chrissie J. Miller's moved from Anabel, Missouri, to Chouteau, Oklahoma, February 24th.

Dannie S. Schrock's (newlyweds) moved from Wadena, Minnesota, to Anabel, Missouri, March 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Miller Jr. moved from Grabill R.R., Indiana, to Quincy, Michigan.

Val N. Gingerich's moved from Middlefield, Ohio, to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, March 16th.

John J.L. Miller's moved from Middlefield, Ohio, to Clymer, New York, March 16th.

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Full M. 6th	Last Q. 12th	1	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31	New M. 19th	First Q. 27th

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

St Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

March was a beautiful month. It seems when the weather finally warmed up it stayed nice week after week. But it is still dry. We haven't had much rain since last fall. An inch and 3/4 on March 22 and some showers several times brought us approximately 2 inches for March. The warmest was 85 degrees on March 29. Most of the plowing is done for the spring. Garden things are up nice. We had an early spring after all. There was quite a heavy loss in bee colonies in this area. Also a lot of alfalfa froze out and some oats were reseeded.

Lancaster Co., Pa., by Levi Stoltzfus

Rainfall for Bareville area was 4 1/2 inches. The first of April we still had some frost on the north side of the buildings.

Market Report: Choice fat cattle $40 - $42.75 cwt.; prime veal $75 - $85 cwt.; feeder cattle & feed steers $35.50 - $40 cwt.; spring lambs $62.50 - $64 cwt.; choice bullocks sell on a strong market in line with fat steers; fat hog market slowly declining; 300 lb. fat hog $29 - $32 cwt.; 40 lb. feeder pigs $74 - 95 cwt.; poultry: heavy hens 15 - 40 cents a lb.; pullets 35 - 45 cents a lb.; ducks .45 a lb.; gesse .40 a lb.; turkey .43 a lb.; purebred cows at New Holland $2050 - $9050; ear corn $62 - $70.50 a ton, by the bu. $2.60; wheat $2.80; barley $2.30; oats $1.90 a bu.; hay and straw steady with last month; potatoes retail $6 - $6.50 cwt.

by Christian L. Fisher

March came in nice and quiet, we had mostly warm days the first half. The 18 was rainy. The 20, first day of spring, we had big fluffy snow flakes that soon melted. The 21 it was warm and the 22 we had two inches of rain. The 23 & 24 were freezing in the morning and very windy, but warm the rest of the week. It rained on the 28 and warmed up again and was windy the 31. Some plowing is being done, it is time to seed alfalfa, gardens are being planted, pastures are getting green, wheat seems to be fair with not much winter kill inspite of all that cold weather.

Lebanon Co., Pa., by Levi S. King

Weather wise March was an average month with 6.6 inches of rain and a few light snows. Also a good bit of strong west winds. Not very much plowing was done yet in this neighborhood, due to frozen ground and also wet weather. One man reported hitting frozen ground yet the last week of the month, along the north side of a tall woods. The grass is getting green and late sown wheat is coming along nice.

Clinton Co., Pa., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

March came in like a lamb bringing sunny and pleasant weather the first three days. The 4 we had a much needed rain. The 18 we had rain, wind and 6 inches of snow. The 20 it snowed all forenoon, but didn't amount to much, that week was cold with almost too much frost in the ground to plow. The last week of the month it was warmer with 80 degrees on the 30. March also went out like a lion, being stormy the last several days. The men are busy plowing.

Centre Co., Pa., by Henry M. Glick

It was nice the first three days in March and the 4 it rained all day. It cooled off then got very nice and warm till the 18 when it snowed 3 inches and rained in the evening. We had some thunder with the snow storm. The 22 it rained about 2 inches then got windy and a little cool with temperature down to 24 degrees the 24. It warmed up and stayed nice till the 28 when it rained all day. The last day of the month it was cool with temperature around 32, and very windy. March came in like a lamb but it left like a lion. A lot of plowing was done this month.

Centre Co., Brush Valley, Pa. by David B. Stoltzfus

After a cold winter, March came in like a lamb, being especially mild during the second week when farmers began plowing, although they were still hitting some frost. On the 13 we had a warm spring rain during which pastures took on a green color. This was followed by colder weather with snow three times up to 5 inches deep and a lot of windy days. Toward the end of the month it was warmer, but still a lot of cold wind. Rainfall totaled 4 3/4 inches. Walls of frozen silage inside the silos could be gotten down toward the end of March. In the beginning of February one was able to take off several feet from the top and later in February and throughout March you could take off several feet each week. These walls were up to 30 inches thick and 20 feet high and even higher in a few cases.

Mt Pleasant Mills, Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

We had some real nice weather toward the last of the month, so that the red maple and pussy willows have been attracting the bees as they gathered pollen for the brood. Today the 31 it is quite windy and cooling off. We had over five inches of rain this month. Our wells which have been quite low are back to normal. Some plowing has been done. Gardens have been made, early things are planted, such as: peas, onions, lettuce, radishes, cabbage. Many haven't started their gardens yet. A few daffodills are open, other wise it seems like a late spring after the coldest winter in a long time.

Juniata Co., Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather here was about normal temperature with 3 inches above normal rainfall. We've had a total of 6 1/2 inches of rain. Also a few light snows. We've had many cold and windy days between showers, also several very warm days when it got up into the low nineties the latter part of the month.

Farmers got some plowing done, but none had been done over winter as the ground was frozen all winter long from the middle of November on until March.

Mifflin Co., Pa., by Catherine M. Swarey

March started in cool with snow flurries and raindrops and many beautiful spring like days. The latter part was more windy than the first half. The lowest temperature was 18 and the highest 80 on March 30, with thunder, lightening and rain that night. Approximately 2.5 to 3 inches of rainfall. We had 2 or 3 inches of snow on the morning of the 18. Sunday, the 20, it snowed all forenoon, about 3 inches, but soon melted.

A good bit of plowing has been done. Wild geese were seen. Lawns and pastures are getting green. Crocuses are blooming. The frogs can be heard, which is surely a sign of spring.

Adams Co., Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

The month of March was warm and wet. March rains totaled more than 6 inches, with thunderstorms several times. We also had snow on the 20, which melted as it fell. The coldest we had was 22 one morning, while the highest was on the last Wednessday, when the temperature went up in the 80's. Our rainy days were followed with stormy or blustery days.

The menfolks were hauling manure and some plowing was done. Small gardens were planted which soon came up and lawns were mowed.

Somerset Co., Pa., by Abe S. Kinsinger

March was very nice or at least the first half of the month, with plenty of rain. The last half was colder at night with a lot of wind. We had a real snow storm on the 22 toward evening, but it didn't last long. The menfolks are hauling manure and plowing. A lot of gardens are plowed, but not much is planted yet.

Mercer Co., Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

March came in very nice and spring like. It rained on the 4 and was then nice for a week after which we had a few rainy days and then nice weather again. We had a few inches of wet snow on the 18, and again on the 20. It was then colder for about a week. It rained all day the 28, and on the 30 we had a thunderstorm with wind and heavy rain and some hail. A lot of plowing has been done. Grass is starting to grow. Purple martins were back on the 30.

Crawford Co., Pa., by Mrs. Menno Fisher

We had changeable weather in March. It came in like a lamb and went out rainy with not much wind. The forepart of the month it was nice and springlike, the latter part was colder again with snow now & then. The total amount of snow was 15 inches. The total amount of rain and melted snow was 4.38 inches. The grass is getting nice and green. Farmers are hauling manure and plowing.

Geauga Co., Ohio, by Mrs. Eli Wengerd

The weather for March was cold the first few days with scattered rains and snow. We had a lot of sunny, warm days. A lot of maple syrup was being made. The farmers are busy plowing.

Holmes Co., Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

The big snow was all gone by the 12. We had a good bit of moisture through March. The temperature was a low of 15 degrees and a high of 75 degrees. The wheat looks nice and green, also the lawns and pastures. Most of the plowing is done. The ground works very nice, also garden spading, due to so much freezing weather this winter. Some gardens are planted. A lot of colds and flu is going around, also some accidents from falling trees.

South Eastern, by John L. Yoder

For March we were having regular March weather. Some nice and warm days along with some cold snaps. The snow is all gone. We had some rainy days which were greatly appreciated of people depending on springs. Plowing, hauling manure and attending sales are on the list. Hog prices are dropping a little, pig prices have advanced some, not much change in cattle.

Western, by Monroe A. Weaver

We had about normal weather in March, with close to 4 inches of rain. A low of 18 degrees on the 18, and a high of 80 on the last of the month. Most of the sod is plowed, and some corn stalks. I don't know of any oats sowed yet.

60lb. pigs are bringing $50 or more and 220 lb. hogs under $80. The pig buyers must be expecting a sharp rise in hog prices by mid-summer. There is a shortage in pigs, due to disease and cold weather last winter.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

February was still colder than average, but not like January. There was plenty of snow on the ground yet, with large banks along the north and south roads. This has been a hard winter for the wildlife.

The weather has been average in rain and temperature, also snowfall was average. Some plowing has been done and a few have sowed oats.

Tractor farmers are looking for more land to buy and rent. Looks like they're going all out, I'd say head over heels, in farming this year. Will it pay?

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

The month of March we had much needed moisture with rain on the 3, 4, 12, and 13, totaling approximately 5 inches, with 6 inches of snow on the 17, 18 and 22. A lot of spring plowing has been done in March. The wheat and grass have greened up now from the nice rain. We had a high of 71 degrees, with a low of 18. Maple syrup production was fair this year. Price in the area is $10 per gallon.

Branch Co., Michigan, by Mrs. Noah N. Schwartz

March has been a very springlike month with many sunny days warming up to the 50's and 60's. We had snow on the 17, 20 and 22, but it did not stay for long. We had rainy days on the 3, 12, 27, and 28. Menfolks are plowing and birds are chirping and singing. Hotbeds are being dug.

Elkhart Co., Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

March started in rainy and cool. The 8 and 11 were very warm and sunny, with 64 degrees, then the evening of the 11 and the 12 and 13 it was rainy. The 17 was rainy with sleet snow and lightening. The 22 we had so much that the schools and some factories were closed. The evening of the 27 it rained and the 29 and 30 it was very windy with 70 degree temperature. The women are busy with spring cleaning and quilting, men are plowing for oats where they can.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Smucker

March came in like a lamb, but went out cold and windy. We had quite a lot of rain during the month and also thunder and lightening a few times with snow. We had a blizzard with 5 inches of snow on the 22, which was the cause of having no school that day.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

March, as a whole, was a nice month, although we had a few rather disagreeable days. The temperature average for the month was 7.3 degrees above normal. The highest reading was 73 on the 15, and the lowest was 10 on the 1st. The average snowfall was well above normal with 16.6 inches during the month, the amount was boosted by the March 22 nine inch snowfall. The average snowfall in this locallity was 4.5 inches. Rain was also above normal with 5.47 inches where our average rainfall for here is 2.62 inches. We had five days of all day sunshine, and seven all cloudy ones, these figures were obtained from our local weather station.

The ground has been wet and very little work has been done in the fields, mainly manure hauling is being done. This heavy clay dirt in this locallity doesn't dry out as fast as some soil does.

Audrian Co., Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

The weather was normal through February and March, concerning the temperature and moisture. Some oats have been sown and some are up. We had several good rains through March, so there is still some to sow. Grass, hay and wheat have greened up nicely, although good hay fields are scarce, due to the day we had last year killing the new clover. Some ponds are still pretty low.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

The fore part of March had been rather mild and sunny. Like the old saying; if March comes in like a lamb it goes out like a lion. The last half was more cold and windy, some days with a real strong wind. We also had a real nice slow drizzle on the 28, which has now filled our top soil with moisture. The oats were mostly sown the last two days in February and beginning of March. Early gardens were planted the beginning of March. Grass is greening fast. Some new seeding hay has dried out so much that it must be replanted. Cattle prices are some higher again. Hog prices are fair.

Pike Co., Missouri, by George D. Yoder
The weather warmed up after February and has been nice, with normal weather since with some freezing and thawing. There wasn't much snow and about 6 inches of rain. Ponds have filled up some. Oats sowing is at hand as the weather permits.

Reno Co. [Partridge] Kansas, by Edward Mast
March brought us less than average moisture. We had no snow and about 2 1/2 inches of rain. It is enough moisture to keep things going this time of the year, but the subsoil moisture is quite low. The temperature was quite mild, but we had a lot of windy days.

The last rain made the wheat look real good so the price is coming down. The local market on the 30 was $2.17 per bu.

Reno Co. [Haven], Kansas, by Mrs. Enos E. Schrock
We had quite a lot of wind this month, also a few nice showers of rain. Wheat fields look nice and are greening up. Garden things are beginning to peek through the ground. We have some sickness in the neighborhood.

Johnson Co., Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager
The weather has been ideal through most of March, with some warm days with temperature in the 70's. We had a good 1 3/4 inch rain several weeks ago, then 10 days ago we had two nice wet snows of about 3 inches each time. Several days ago we had another good 1 7/10 inch drizzle rain. So we realize the Lord has not forgotten us yet. Lawns and pastures are greening up. Some plowing has been done.

Buchanan Co., Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder
The month of March was springlike. We had around five inches of snow and 2.2 inches of rain. A lot of plowing was done the last half of the month and most of the oats are in the ground. Quite a few have been moving since January 1. Seven families moved out of state and two families moved in from out of state in this community.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Bontrager
March started in like a lamb. We had around 10-12 inches of snow the forepart of the month. We had a few lighter snows later on, but had milder weather and rain since. The snow is all gone except for a few small banks hidden behind some hills. We had a welcome 3 1/2 inches of rain over the last weekend and first of the week. Grass is greening up a little, spring birds are returning, and seed orders are filled. Spring must be around the corner.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller
The first two days in March were mild. The 3 we had a snowstorm. The rest of the month was mild again with a few light snows, and very nice rains. Some farmers were in the fields for a few weeks. The grass is getting green since the nice rains. It was very good maple syrup weather till the 26.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger
The weather through March was mild, with possibly 3 - 4 inches of snow. Some plowing has been done in the last two weeks. We also had a few nice light showers of rain.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss H. Stutzman
March started in like a lamb. The first day was nice with sunshine, and the 2nd it snowed. We had around three inches by the 3rd, but a few foggy and drizzly days after that. The second week was warm and mostly sunshine with a high of 62 degrees. We had fresh snow on the ground a few mornings after the middle of March. Wheras the week of the 20 it was nice and springlike. People got some plowing done. The last week was cloudy and rainy again.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock Sr.
Our March weather was more like winter again. On March 1st, the temperature was one below zero, which was the coldest for the month. The highest was 48 degrees. A lot of mornings it was up in the 30's. We got some snow and rain which we were glad to see.

Utica, Minnesota, by Atlee J. Shetler
March has been mild with very littly snow and no blizzards. We had some very welcome rains since March 25 and up to April 1st. Very little oats were planted. The week of the 27 we had sunshine, sleet, snow and rain.

Grey County, Ontario, by Jacob C. Hershberger
March started in like a lamb and there was a lot of tapping done from the 8 to the 12, and we had a good run. It turned colder on the 16 for a few days and then warmed up by the 26, which made another heavy run of sap. The snow is all gone. Maple syrup is selling from $15 to $18 per gallon.

St Mary's, Ontario, by Abe Hochstetler
We had an all day rain on the 4, which started to settle our winter accumulation of snow. We had lots of mild weather, making creeks and rivers overflow. We had a few snowy blustry days on the 18 and 20. A little snow is sticking around yet. We had high winds the last few days. Beef and hog prices strengthened some during the month.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Mrs. Emanuel Peachey
March came in like a lamb and we certainly had many beautiful days. The snow disappeared in a hurry once it warmed up. There had been so much snow around that we had high water even without rain. Rain was very scarce all month.

The weather was ideal to make the sap run some days, and we had a fair run again. Maple syrup is selling for $15 a gallon in the neighborhood.

Path Valley, Pennsylvania, by Daniel Z. Beiler
The weather in March was more like normal again. The low temperature was 18 on the 3rd and the high was in the 80's. Spring plowing started the first week in March, some are nearly finished, although it has been wet all month. Very little oats are sown yet, it is too wet to plow again. The early and cold winter caught some farmers with corn out yet. Not much garden is planted as the ground is still too wet to work. Late sown fall grain looks poor. I don't know if it will come out yet or not.

Franklin County, Pennsylvania, by Jacob E. Flaud
We had typical March weather through the month, with a lot of high winds and some good rains that should help the water levels. We had snow on the first day of spring. Quite a lot of plowing was done in March. Small grain fields that were started late in the fall are turning green. Some farmers have their spring oats seeded.

Norfolk, New York, by Jerry T. Schwartz
March brought a lot of warm weather, the coldest being about 18 above. Around the 24th we received about 16 inches of snow which was soon gone, causing some lively streams. The maple syrup men had a better yield than average this year.

Barrs Mills, Holmes Co., Ohio, by Jonas N. Borntrager
We surely had lots of nice weather in March, which farmers made good use of. We also had some good rains. Lots of plowing was done, grass seed is in, some gardens are planted. Wheat and grass has a good start for April 1.

Hog prices are working down some, beef is also down. There seems to be a good demand for milk cows, and good draft horses. I think the frozen pipes and outlets are all open again.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich
The first part of March was quite cold, but then it warmed up around the middle of the month with temperatures in the sixties some days. This brought a sap run, of which we had several good ones then running into April. Farmers have started plowing now.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna S. Eash

March was more normal weather wise, but quite changeable. We had quite a bit of rain and some thunder showers. On the 17th we had a snowstorm. Around 10:00 it lightened and thundered and snowed great big flakes, making several inches in a short time. Driving became nearly impossible and people were stranded on the way home from weddings. On the evening of the 27th, it started to rain and rained hard the rest of the evening, making many ponds and filled brooks, ditches etc.

Wheat and hay fields are slowly greening up. Lawns show signs of spring with daffodil, crocus and tulips peeping through. It makes women anxious to get house cleaning done. Temperatures have been in the 60's and 70's with frost some mornings. Not many tapped trees this year.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Ivan J. Gingerich

March came in fairly mild. It rained the 3rd and was dreary and freezing till the 6th. The next week was very beautiful and usually had a heavy frost in the mornings. We had more rain the 12th and again a few cloudy days. We had our final March snowstorm the 22nd. It started in with rain but turned to snow, and thunder and lightening continued while snowing. Some roads were blocked at first, but by evening a lot of it had melted enough to make the roads passable Farmers were busy hauling manure and some got some plowing done. A few women got their first gardening done.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachy

We had around 7 inches of rain during the first 2 weeks of March, then it turned nice and sunny and stayed that way mostly, except for some high winds several times. It was getting dry toward the end of the month. Some early birds are planting corn, while most farmers are spreading fertilizer and discing. Several sheds and house trailers blew over in this unusual windy weather.

Hogs are $35, wheat $2.50 and beans $8.40.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

The month of March was average. We had plenty of rain at the beginning of the month and again at the later part. Total rainfall was 9.2 inches, temperature was a low of 29 degrees and a high of 80. There are a lot of blossoms to look at; strawberries and fruits. Some early garden things look nice. Most fall oats are very poor, and the wheat is nothing to brag about, although some fields look nice. The woods are starting to get color. Some field work has been done. Feeder pigs are said to have been a little lower again at least the light weights. Cattle may be a little better again.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

February got back to about normal again. We had some cold weather, but not near what January was. With the ponds frozen over there seemed to be some fish kill. But I heard that if you keep the snow shoveled off, at least in spots, the sun shinning through will give the fish oxygen to breathe. We tried it and didn't have any dead fish.

There was plowing going on for the oats fields the last part of February. Now the middle of March the oats are about all in. We got some nice rain on the 10 and 11, but the real pond filler came on the 27 and 28. What a blessing for these Ozark hills. The grass is nice and green, oats are greening, too. The chickens are running loose and really laying now with the nice sunshine days. The ducks are setting on their eggs. These nice warm days are easy on the wood box.

Webster County, Missouri, by Ruben Yoder

We had a March wind almost every day of the month and three real nice rains, but still not enough to fill all the ponds that haven't been full since last spring. The temperature was above normal and several days in the upper 70's, the lowest we had was 25 on the 20th. Pasture is coming very nice and only a few are feeding hay anymore. Hog prices are some lower. Early gardens look nice.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

We had four to five inches of rain in March, which was much appreciated, as stock ponds were low and subsoil quite dry yet. Most farmers have sown oats. Pastures are growing nice, which is a welcome sight, especially to those who needed to buy that high priced hay.

Bloomfield, Iowa, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

March has brought us a variety of weather. We got over four inches of rain to help the drought situation. We had some warm, spring like days of which some ground was worked down, some sowed oats, some plowed, and a few scattered a few garden seeds in the ground. We had several blizzard like snows that disappeared by the second or third day plus very high wind at times.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

March was fair, with some rain and snow. We had several good rains, several snows but no real snowstorms. It is still dry enough that every bit of moisture is appreciated. Maple Syrup time is here. It is an extra good season. A longer season and a better run than it has been for quite a few years.

Chetek, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Henry Lehman

March came in like a lamb, but by the 2nd it was more like a lion. It was zero and started to snow in the afternoon and snowed all night till 9 o'clock the next day. Snow was piled high approximately 10 inches. We had no school because of the snow. The next morning the 4th was warmer but icy. The middle of the month was warm and temperatures went up to 60 during the day. The last part of March was more damp and rained off and on which was needed. We had a few snow flurries the 31.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

March was nice the forepart. We had below freezing in the mornings, but warmed up during the day. We had around 10 inches of snow and also quite a few rainy and foggy days, which helped out on moisture. A little plowing was done in March. It was a good year for maple syrup. Farm sales are numerous. Hogs are still high, also milk cows.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

We had changeable weather throughout March starting in with snow and cold winds, then it turned warmer with rain. Much of the snow had melted by the 15th and the fields were beginning to get bare. On the 18th we had another snowstorm then it turned clear and cold with the temperature down to 10 degrees. It remained unsettled till the 25th when the temperature went up to the 70's some days.

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

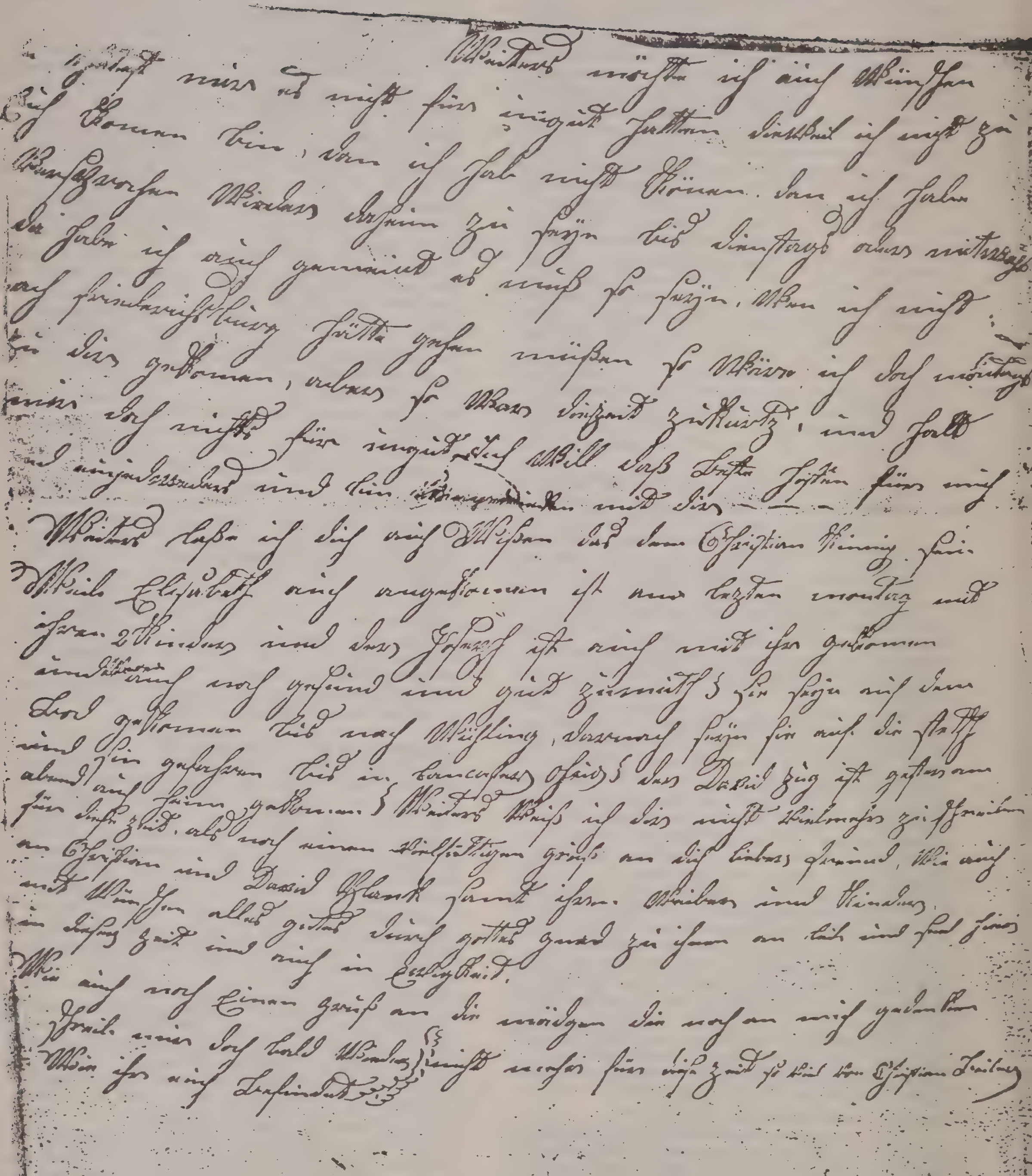
March brought quite a bit of rain, but little snow. We had some nice warm days the later part. When it rained it cooled off some. Some have been plowing.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

The weather was cool and we had rain on the 4th, and on the 10th. It was a thawing rain on the 12th. The next week was warm and the snow melted fast. It was cooler over the 20th, but warmed up some again. It was a bit on the cool side the last week, and there is still some snow around the buildings where it was piled up.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

March was a comparatively mild month following the severe winter. After the snow disappeared farmers finally got some fire wood cut. By the end ot the month [illegible] plowing was done.



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Wie es euch befindet

Das übrig von der Brief geschrieben zu der Joseph Kurtz von Christian Beiler

Fairfield Co.,Ohio. Den 11ten Mai 1834

Weiters möchte ich auch wünschen Du thätest mir es nicht für ungut halten dieweil ich nicht zu euch kommen bin,dan ich hab nicht könen. Dan ich habe versprochen wieder daheim zu sein bis Dienstags oder Mittwochs. Da habe ich auch gemeint es mus so sein. Wen ich nicht nach Friederichsburg hätten gehen müssenen so wäre ich doch Montags zu dir gekomen, aber so war diezeit zu Kurtz, und halt mir doch nichts für ungut. Ich will dasz Beste hoffen für euch und einjeders und bin Eingedenken mit dir.

Weiters lasse ich dich auch wissen das dem Christian Kinnig sein Weib Elizabeth auch angekommen ist am letzten Montag mit ihren 2 kinder und der Joseph ist auch mit ihr gekommen und ware auch noch gesund und gut zumuth. Sie seÿn auf dem Bod gekommen bis nach Wühling, darnach seÿn sie auf die Stetsch (stage coach)und sin gefahren bis in Lancaster, Ohio. Der David Zug ist gester am abend auch Heim gkommen. Weiters weisz ich Dir nicht vielmehr zu schreiben für diese zeit. Als noch einen vielfeltigen grusz an Dich lieber Freund wie auch an Christian und David Plank samt ihre weiber und kinder, mit wünshen alles gutes durch Gottes gnad zu ihnen an Leib und seel hier in dieser Zeit und auch in Ewigkeit. Wie auch noch einen Grusz an die Mädgen die noch an mich gedenken.

Schreib mir doch bald wieder, Wie ihr auch Befindet. Nicht mehr für diese zeit. So viel von

Christian Beiler.

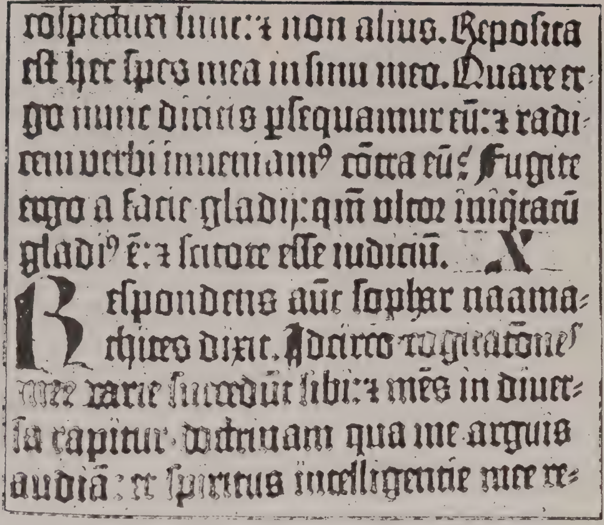
Introduction

The Penna-German Magazine was founded in 1900, by Rev. P. C. Croll, who was also editor and publisher until 1905. H. W. Kriebel, Lititz, succeeded him as editor. These monthlies were edited and published as directed by the Penna-German society. From 1900 until World War I this society published many articles of interest, regarding the Penna-German people of America as a keystone to American civilization, devoting their labors to this resourceful stock. From colonial days on, this American in-breed was often looked upon as a peculiar, different, and somewhat underpriviledged, or as a secondary American. But by the end of the 19th century their fruit became ripe and their refined elements of smelting rose to the surface. In this time the Penna-German society collected, recovered, preserved and published many of these gems. In the first decade of this century, the publishers were very active with eagerness to bring to light many pieces that would challenge America at its best, much like a farmer will hustle to bring in the last loads of grain before sunset. Unfortunately by 1914-1915, America was engaged in a strife with Central European powers who were strictly German speaking nations, which cast a shadow over the Germans in America. It was again ruled that America must be English. This blow retarded the Penna-German society to a near halt, but in later years it merged with the Penna-German folklore society, which is still active today. They also publish a periodical of which Pastor Weiser, Breinigsville, Pa. is the present editor. Although William Penn was an Englishman, he not only invited the Germans to Penns Woods, but also provided for them when they came. He knew they excelled in farming and he placed them well. From the letters of James Logan to Penn in Great Britian, he makes a splendid report of the profile of the new colony settlers. Philadelphia, being the capital, naturally the Central was being occupied by the Englishmen. The immediate outskirts were already employed by German millers, craftsmen, printers, and other businessess. Fanned out north and west from the Center was a third zone of rich limestone valleys extending to the Blue Mountains and west to the Susquehana and beyond. In this region is were Penn propriotors placed the Germans. Truly it soon became the bread basket of a new nation. In a fourth zone were a frontier of Scotch-Irish settlers to serve as a stockade between the Indians and the bread basket.

Courtesy of Pastor Weiser and Dr. Don Yoder

The Diary staff has studied the articles of the Penna-German magazine for about a year and have concluded that many subjects are regarding pioneer life in Eastern Pennsylvania, and should blend in well with our Fatherland and Memories Of The Past columns. We can draw from collections of the Diary staff, many subjects pertaining to Indian life, early Pennsylvania farming, German printers, german schools, geneaology, and Berks Co. graveyard studies. We propose to contribute a series of these articles in following issues. Comments by readers will be appreciated.

by Joseph F. Beiler



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THE GUTENBERG BIBLE: PART OF A PAGE

BINDING OF GUTENBERG BIBLE

THE GUTENBERG BIBLE:
The First Book Printed

By Hon. James B. Laux, New York City

Lord Beaconsfield in his most brilliant manner once remarked that there were only two events in history-the Siege of Troy and the French Revolution. To have been truly exact, he should have said: three events-the third being the invention of printing, for it immediately became the greatest force the world has ever known. Revolutions, spiritual and political, became its children, and the emancipation of the human intellect its crowning glory. In the midst of darkness God said-"Let there be light", and printing was.

The world is once more reminded of this Epoch-making event, by the sale at public auction on the 24th of April in the rooms of the Anderson Auction Company in New York City, of a copy of the famous Gutenberg Bible printed on vellum, from the library of the late Robert Hoe, for which the fabulous sum of fifty thousand dollars was paid by Mr. Henry E. Huntingdon of California, the highest price ever paid for a book,-but such a book-the first ever printed-the greatest ever written.

Pennsylvania Germans will regret, while they congratulate Mr. Huntingdon as a fellow American on his good fortune in securing so priceless a treasure, that their compatriot Mr. Peter A. B. Widener of Philadelphia, one of the greatest of American art patrons and collectors, did not secure it.

Mr. Widener was the only competitor Mr. Huntingdon had to face after a $30,000 bid had been made by Bernard Quaritch the noted book seller of London, England. Every Pennsylvania German would have felt a certain pride in the fact that a descendant of old pioneer German stock had become the owner of one of the glories of the German race. Pennsylvania, the home of so many thousands who claim Germany as their fatherland and which enjoys the high honor of having printed the first Bible printed in America and that by

Pennsylvania Germans would have been a most fitting resting place for this unique product of German genius.

The sight of the ancient book-in two volumes-which the writer had the rare pleasure of enjoying, was most interesting. It required no great effort of memory and but little imagination to create again the age in which it was given to an amazed and incredulous world; to see it looked upon as a divice of Satan, by the scribes of the monastic scriptoriums, invented to wreak destruction on an industry and art old as the alphabet itself. The Age of the Manuscript-of the Missal and the Book of Hours-had come to an end-and the Age of the printed book had begun. The Age of the Few had passed-the Age of the Many had dawned. Knowledge was no longer to remain the possession of the rich or the scholar of the cloister. Books should now be multiplied like the leaves of the forest so that the poorest peasant could also become the owner of that wonderful thing. Knowledge should become a universal possession in spite of the Church's interdict.

All unsuspected the marshalling of the movable type for the printing of these precious volumes was the calling into existence of a glorious company of heroes and martyrs who should testify through coming centuries to their love of liberty and of mankind on the battle field and at the stake. It created armies that should annihilate old tyrannies and superstitions, battle fields, the visible manifestations of the Almighty's wrath at the degradation of man whom He had made in his own image. The printing of these sacred volumes called into existence the centuries of Luther, Calvin and Zwingli-of Coligni and William the Silent, Gustavus Adolphus of Galileo and Bruno, of Spenser, Shakspere and Marlowe, Voltaire, Rosseau, Goethe, Schiller-Darwin and Huxley. It gave Germany a language and a national literature; Luther's translation of the Bible into vernacular did that. Tyranny and superstition stood aghast when they beheld this newborn art. As well might they try to shackle the lightning as to control this myriad-tongued thing that announced itself the champion of the oppressed and the benighted.

Some conception of the gigantic force exerted by the invention of movable types in the distribution of knowledge may be had in the well-known fact that thousands of the priests of the Church before the Reformation never saw a copy of the Scriptures much less enjoyed the possession of one. The accidental discovery of a complete copy of one by Luther in the monastery at Erfurt, fragments of which he had only seen previously, notwithstanding diligent search, marked the beginning of Luther's revolt against the tyranny and teachings of the Church of Rome. If the Bible was so rarely found in the monastic libraries, universities and churches how much worse off must have been the laity, the humble worshipper. Even so late as a hundred years ago the dearth of the Scriptures on the Continent of Europe was astonishing. Thus in Lithuania, among 18,000 Germans, 7800 Polish and 7000 Lithuanian families, not a Bible was to be found. One half of the population of Holland appeared to be without the Bible. In Poland a Bible could hardly be obtained at any price. In the district of Dorpat (Esthonia) containing 106,000 inhabitants, not 200 Testaments could be found, and there were Christian pastors who did not possess the Scriptures in the dialect in which they preached. Into Iceland with a population of 50,000, of whom almost all could read, not more than 50 copies had found their way, while in Sweden 14,000 families were without any.

Before the invention of printing, the Bible was the most expensive book in the world, costing in England in the 13th century 30. a copy. At the time of the Revolution the cheapest Bibles were valued at not less than $2 per copy. A vast change has been effected in the last hundred years through the work of the Bible societies of the United States and Great Britain in the matter of price and circulation. The Bible has been translated into over 200 languages and dialects and over three hundred million copies have been printed and distributed-while today Bibles can be bought at as low a price as 25 cents per copy and Testaments for 10 cents per copy. Movable type harnessed to steam-driven machinery has accomplished this-with one book alone. The countless millions of other books printed fill the contemplative mind with amazement at the vastness of the work accomplished. The book printing machines of the world laugh at the *Indices Expurgatorium* still attempting to perform a medieval mandate of the self-appointed censors of the intellectual product of the ages.

Mr. Hoe's copy had been called the hansomest and most richly decorated Gutenberg Bible in existence, and it attained an auction price of $20,000 in London fourteen years ago, the highest sum ever paid for a Gutenberg Bible in the auction room, and the secong highest price any printed book ever sold for at auction.

The book holding the record is the famous Mentz Psalter, richly illuminated, printed in 1459, which brought about $24,750 in 1884 at the sale of Sir John Thorold's library in London. It was bought by Quaritch, the London dealer, and is now owned by J. Pierpont Morgan. Mr. Morgan has two copies of the Gutenberg Bible, one on vellum and the other on paper, the former not as fine a copy as the one in the Hoe library. Mr. Hoe also had a paper copy which is to be sold at a future sale and we trust will be obtained by a Pennsylvania German. It is considered to be a finer copy even than the vellum copy purchased by Mr. Huntingdon.

Most of the Gutenberg Bibles were printed on paper. It has been said that probably 180 copies were so printed. Thirty copies were printed on vellum. There are about twenty-seven paper copies known to be in existence, but five of these only contain a single volume. The Bible, as it left the press of Gutenberg and Faust in Mainz, between the years 1450 and 1455, was in two volumes. The book bears no date, so that the exact year is not positively known. It is the first book printed from movable types.

Of the vellum copies, which were handsomely ornamented with illuminated capitals and other figures, seven copies are said to be in existence. The Morgan and the Hoe copies are the only ones in America. Of the five vellum copies in Europe one is in the British Museum, one in the National Library at Paris, one in the Royal Library at Berlin, and two in libraries in Leipsic.

The Hoe copy has an interesting history. It bears a book plate with the inscription, "Ex Bibliotheca

Familiae Nostitzianae", dated 1774. It is said to have been at one time in the Mainz Library. Early in the last century George Nicol, a promonent book dealer of London, obtained it and at the sale of his effects in 1825 it was bought for Henry Perkins, a wealthy brewer and one of the greatest book collectors of his time. He paid for it about $2,500. On the death of his son the Perkin library was sold in 1873 and the vellum Gutenberg was bought by the Earl of Ashburnham for $17,000.

On the dispersal of the Ashburnham library in 1897, one of the most magnificent that ever went under the hammer, Quaritch paid about $20,000 for the book, and he priced it at 5,000 or $25,000 in his catalogue. Just what Mr. Hoe paid is not known, but it is believed to have been a trifle less than $25,000.

The two volumes of this celebrated Bible contains 641 unnumbered leaves without signatures or catchwords. Two of the original leaves, however, are missing, but they have been perfectly replaced in facsimile. The book is what is known in the Bibliographic world as the forty-two line Gutenberg Bible, as all of the pages after the sixth leaf contain forty-two lines to the page, the preceding leaves having forty and forty-one. It is adorned with 123 finely painted and illuminated miniature initials, many containing highly finished marginal decorations of ornaments, birds, flowers, fruit, monkeys and grotesques in the best style of Renaissance art, painted ornamental capitals, and running titles of the books in blue and red.

It differs from nearly all of the other vellum copies in having headings at the commencement of the Epistle of St. Jerome and the first book of Gensis printed in red. It is presumed that on account of the difficulty encountered in printing a second color the task was abandoned. In the British Museum copy these spaces were left blank. The binding also adds to the historic interest of the book, being the original contemporary oak boards covered with pigskin and having twenty ornamental metal bosses and eight clasps.

Seven copies of the Gutenberg Bible are in America. Two of these are the Hoe and the Morgan vellum copies. Of the five paper copies Mr. Hoe had one, which will be sold with a later installment of the library, and Mr. Morgan owns one, the famous Theodore Irwin copy containing the complete 641 leaves, but with two in facsimile. Another is owned by James Ellsworth of Chicago, and the other two are in the New York Public Library and the General Theological Seminary library.

Mr. Ellsworth's copy is the only Gutenberg Bible that had previously appeared in American auction rooms. It is the well-known Brinley copy, which was sold in 1881 in this city for $8,000 to Hamilton Cole, a prominent New York lawyer. Brayton Ives bid $7,750 for the book at the time, and a little later, it is said, he gave Mr. Cole $10,000 for the Bible. When Mr. Ives's valuable library was sold in 1891 Mr. Ellsworth bought the book for $14,800.

The first Gutenberg Bible that ever came to this country is the one in the Lenox Library, now merged into the magnificent New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue between 40th and 42nd streets. It was bought by James Lenox in 1847 and it created a great stir in the book world. He paid $2,500, and as book collecting had not attained the grandeur of such high prices as have become common today the price was regarded as exorbitant. Henry Stevens, who acted for many years as Mr. Lenox's agent in Europe, says in his recollections of Mr. Lenox that it was heralded as a "mad price" in the London papers. "The sale," adds Mr. Stevens, "was a bibiographical event and was greatly talked and written about both in London and New York, inasmuch as Mr. Lenox, whose name as that of the unlucky purchaser had been freely used, declined to clear the book from the New York Custom House and pay for it. The cost, including commission, expenses, and customs duty amounting to about $3,000, was deemed by him an amount of indiscretion for which he could not be responsible. However, after some reflection and a good deal of correspondence he took home the book and soon learned to cherish it as a bargain and the chief ornament of his library.

The Gutenberg Bible in the library of the General Theological Seminary was presented a few years before his death by Dean Eugene Hoffman. This also has an interesting history. In 1884 it came within $500 of bringing a price equal to that paid for the Hoe vellum copy of the Ashburnham sale. Quaritch paid about $19,500 for it at the sale of Sir John Thorold Library, a record price in the auction room for a paper copy. It then passed into possession of the Rev. William Makellar of Edinburg, but at the sale of his library in 1898 brought only 2,980. It is a very handsome copy. What Dean Hoffman paid for it is not known.

The Gutenberg Bible is sometimes referred to as the Mazarin Bible from the fact that the first recognized copy of it was accidentally discovered in the library of Cardinal Mazarin at Paris.

There was a crowded hall to witness this great event in the book world, the sale of this great book, every one of the 400 seats being occupied. There were bidders there from the English metropolis, from Paris, Frankfort-on-Main, and Munich, and nearly all the larger cities of America were represented. A hum of interest and curiosity went through the hall as the famous old folio in oak boards, covered with pigskin, was brought forward.

The first bid was $10,000 from Mr. Huntingdon's representative. Following him came substantial raises from DR. Rosenbach of Philadelphia, Dodd & Livingston, Bernard Quaritch of London, and Joseph Widener, who was representing P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia.

The bids were $1,000 at a time. When $20,000 was the highest previous price brought by the Bible, there were "Oh's" and "Ah's" heard in all parts of the hall.

Quaritch seemed determined to capture the prize and take it back to London, but after he bid $30,000 he stopped. The contest from that time on was between Mr. Widener and Mr. Huntingdon. The price quickly went up to $35,000, then to $40,000, without a sign of quitting on the part of either. When Mr. Huntingdon bid $48,000 Mr. Widener said $49,000 promptly, and Mr. Huntingdon made it $50,000, and amid a burst of general applause the treasure was knocked down to him. ◻

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past
THE MILLER FAMILY OF SHILLINGTON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

Another daughter of Jacob and Anna (Nissley) Raber was (214) Elizabeth Raber (181), born in 1856, married to Daniel M. Thomas, their children are in Allen County and LaGrange County, Indiana.

(215) John Raber (181), born in 1860, married to Mary Wagler, born in Canada in 1863, daughter of John Wagler. It appears that they moved from Elkhart County to Daviess County, Indiana. (216) Joseph Raber (215), born in Elkhart County, married first to Barbara Knepp, second to Fanny Wittmer. To mention one of the children is (217) Martha Raber (216), married to Joseph L. Garber, son of John L. Garber. He was ordained minister in Daviess County in 1958 and bishop in 1967. Joseph has made several trips east and has been in Lancaster County. (217) Magdalena Raber (215), born in 1889, married to Samuel R. Eicher, son of Christian and Adel (Ruby) Eicher. To mention a few of their children are (218) Jacob Eicher (217), married to Lydia Miller, daughter of Jacob B. Miller. They are living at present at Aylmer, Ontario, where he was ordained minister in 1950 and bishop in 1973. He is also employed at Pathway Publishing House. Another son is (219) David Eicher (217), married to Sarah Marner, who are living at Bowling Green, Missouri.

The next child of Christian and Sarah (Miller) Nisley is (220) Peter Nisley (114), born in 1820, died in 1895, married to Anna Yoder, born in 1821, died in 1884, daughter of Deacon Christian and Anna (Hershberger) Yoder of Walnut Creek, Ohio. They had three children—namely, Mattie, Jacob, and John Nisley. (221) Mattie Nisley (220), born in 1845, married to Jacob J. Miller, son of Joni and Susan (Hochstetler) Miller. They lived in LaGrange County, Indiana. There is a large offspring from this family so we will only mention a few. (222) John J. Miller (221), born in 1867, married to Magdalena Hershberger. They lived in LaGrange County, Indiana. The writer is not too well acquainted with this family but there are descendants living in Mendon and Sturgis, Michigan; White Hall and Blair, Wisconsin; Ohio and Illinois. (223) Anna J. Miller (221), born in 1870, married to Joseph D. Chupp, son of David and Fannie (Miller) Chupp. They lived at Fredericksburg, Ohio. To mention a few of their children are (224) Mattie Chupp (223), married to Moses J. Miller. He was sometimes referred to as "one arm" Mose, and lived at Beach City, Ohio. (225) Fannie Chupp (223), married to Joseph D. Miller, son of Daniel C. J. and Mary (Raber) Miller, mentioned before in this article. (226) Jacob J. Chupp (223), married to Ada Hochstetler. Most of their family live around Apple Creek and Fredericksburg, Ohio. (227) Ezra J. Chupp (223), married to Lovina Miller, daughter of Jacob and Amanda (Kauffman) Miller; he married his second wife, Anna Wengerd. There is also a large offspring of this family in Wayne and Northern Holmes County, Ohio. (228) Mary Chupp (223), married to Noah J. Stutzman, son of Bishop Jacob and Sarah (Miller) Stutzman. They are at the present time living in Paraguay, South America. I will mention a few of their children: (229) Joe N. Stutzman (228), married to Katie Zook, daughter of Joseph Zook, they live at Desboro, Ontario, and he is a Budget scribe at the present time; (230) John Stutzman (228), married to Caroline Zook, also a daughter of Joseph Zook, they live at Chatsworth, Ontario; (231) Eli N. Stutzman (228), married to Mary Gingerich, daughter of Ura Gingerich, they moved from Desboro, Ontario, to Ethridge, Tennessee. (232) Noah N. Stutzman (228), married to Lizzie Hershberger, Chesley, Ontario; (233) Sarah N. Stutzman (228), married to Noah Zook, son of Joseph Zook, Ethridge, Tennessee; (234) Ezra N. Stutzman (228), married to Katie Chupp, daughter of Elmer Chupp, Apple Creek, Ohio; (235) Elizabeth Stutzman (228), married to Jacob J. Gingerich, they moved from Desboro, Ontario, to Ethridge, Tennessee, and he is the Diary reporter from that locality; (236) Lydia N. Stutzman (228), married to Peter H. Gingerich, Tennessee; the last two of the family are Daniel and Moses Stutzman, married to Garber sisters, and living at Mammoth Springs, Arkansas. (237) Sarah Chupp (223), married to Roman Byler of Fredericksburg, Ohio. They have a daughter, Annie Byler, married to Levi E. Yoder of Hartley, Delaware. (238) Elizabeth Chupp (223), married to Daniel W. Yoder, who is a minister at Desboro, Ontario. I will mention a few of their children: (239) Mary Yoder (238), married to Peter J. Zook, son of Joseph Zook, one of their daughters, Elizabeth Zook, married to Gideon Schrock on January 27, 1977, in time of a big snowstorm; (240) Moses D. Yoder (238), married to Katie Gingerich of Ethridge, he is a minister there; (241) Ella Yoder (238), married to Moses Gingerich, they moved from Chesley, Ontario, to Ethridge, Tennessee; (242) Joni Yoder (238), married to Mattie N. Hostetler, Wayne County, Ohio; (243) Daniel Yoder (238), married to Cevilla Hershberger, Chesley, Ontario; (244) Andrew Yoder (238), married to Fannie Miller, they moved to Harmony, Minnesota. (245) Levi Chupp (223), married to Saloma Miller, Fredericksburg, Ohio. (246) Jonathan J. Miller (221), born in 1871, married to Katie E. Miller of LaGrange County. Amos U. Hochstetler, who is a deacon at Kenton, Ohio, is a grandson. (247) Peter J. Miller (221), married to Elizabeth E. Miller, one of their daughters, Lydiann P. Miller, married to Valentine V. Lambright, whose daughter, Lucille, married to Pre. Nicholas Stoltzfus. (248) Joni P. Miller (247), married to Gertie Schrock, their daughter, Mary Alice, married to Lester Hochstetler, whose son, Lloyd, was killed in a buggy accident on November 11, 19 6. Another daughter, (249) Elizabeth Miller (248), married to Aaron Esh and living in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. (250) Susan J. Miller (247), married to Noah Troyer, born in 1870, died in 1938, he was minister and bishop in LaGrange County. To mention a few of their children are (251) Mary Troyer (250), married to Harvey Eash, one of their daughters, (252) Anna Eash (251), married to Ralph Schrock, who is minister at LaGrange. (253) Wilma Eash (251), married to Mahlon Miller of Topeka. (254) Joas Troyer (250), married to Mary Wickey, their son, (255) Amzie Troyer (254), married to Edna Miller, is minister and bishop in the Howe District of LaGrange County. (256) Lizzie Troyer (250), married to Tobias Lambright, they have several sons in the ministry, including Richard Lambright who lives at Guthrie, Kentucky, and Harley Lambright of Southeast Yoder District. (257) Fannie Troyer (250), married to Daniel J. Lehman. He is minister in the Clear Springs District of LaGrange County. One of their sons, Mervin, was killed when a stone was thrown from a passing car in 1969. (258) Lydia J. Miller (221), married to Eli C. Hershberger of Arthur, Illinois. (259) Fannie J. Miller (221), married to Eli M. Bontrager, he was a minister at Shipshewana. (260) Eli J. Miller (221), married to Sarah J. Miller of Topeka, Indiana. (261) Noah J. Miller (221), was married four times, first to Fannie Miller, second to Lizzie Frey, third to Sarah Hershberger, fourth to Mary (Miller) Hostetler, widow of Daniel S. Hostetler. (262) Jacob J. M. Miller (221), married to Katie Christner, their children are mostly of LaGrange County.

(263) Jacob P. Nisley (220), Goshen, Indiana, born in 1846, married to Mary Miller, daughter of John Miller. Their children were (264) Anna Nisley (263), born in 1873, married to Eli S. Bontrager, son of Joseph Bontrager. No children were born to this union. (265) Jonas Nisley (263), born in 1875, married to Anna Miller, Goshen, Indiana, their children are (266) Jacob Nisley (265), born in 1896, married to Katie Chupp. (276) Cephas Nisley (265), married to Millie Hostetler. (268) Amos J. Nisley (265) married to Saloma Miller, she married second to Joe Miller. (269) Perry Nisley (265), born in 1909, married to Betsie Bontrager, daughter of Enos Bontrager, he is at present minister and bishop in Clinton Southwest District, Goshen, Indiana. (270) Jonas Nisley (265), married to Mary Kauffman. (271) Katie J. Nisley (263), born in 1879, married to Jonathan Mast, son of Jacob J. and Barbara (Troyer) Mast. (272) Susie Mast (271), married to Dan P. Yoder, son of Phineas and Catherine (Mullet) Mast. (273) Ezra Mast (271), married to Anna Miller, they moved to St. Mary's, Ontario, Canada. One of their children, Fannie Mast, is married to John Detweiler and they are living in Paraguay, South America. Another daughter, Edna Mast, is married to Noah Byler, who was ordained minister in 1963 at Spartansburg, Pennsylvania. (274) Ora Mast (271), married to Edna Slabaugh of Indiana. (275) Lydiann Mast (271), married to Elva E. Yoder. Jacob P. Nisley of No. (263), married his second wife, Fanny Thomas, and had one son, John Nisley, married to Amanda P. Miller.

(276) John P. Nisley (220), born in 1848, married to Elizabeth Mast, born in 1850, died in 1880, at thirty years of age. John then married his second wife, Anna Raber, they were of Fredericksburg, Ohio. (277) Jacob J. Nisley (276), born in 1872, married to Mary J. Gingerich. I will mention a few of their children: (278) Joe J. Nisley (277), of Dundee, Ohio, married to Mary Ann Hostetler. (279) Emma J. Nisley (277), born in 1898, died in 1967, married to Levi Swartzentruber. He was ordained deacon at Fredericksburg, Ohio. (280) Lizzie Nisley (277), married to Yost Yoder. (281) Amanda Nisley (277), Millersburg, Ohio, married to Eli Yoder. (282) John J. Nisley (277), Hazelton, Iowa, married to Jemima Mast, he married second to Malinda Kauffman. John was ordained minister in 1930 and bishop in 1957. (283) Dan J. Nisley (276), born in 1874, married to Fannie Troyer of Ohio. (284) Anna Nisley (276), born in 1874, married to David J. Miller, son of John C. and Fanny (Hostetler) Miller of LaGrange County, Indiana. Some of the children and grandchildren are at Amherst and Medford, Wisconsin, Latham and Seymour, Missouri, also some in Centreville, Michigan, and Ohio. (285) Mary Nisley (276), born in 1876, married to John M. Shetler (see No. 133 of this article, in January issue). (286) John J. Nisley (276), born in 1877, married first to Mary Miller, second to Dena, widow of Moses Raber. John was ordained minister in 1906 in Holmes County, Ohio. (287) Moses J. Nisley (276), born in 1878, died in 1953, married to Katie Schlabach, born in 1880, died in 1948 at Lumberton, Mississippi. Moses was ordained minister in 1931. They had two adopted children and two children of their own, (288) Jonas Nisley (287), adopted, married to Lizzie Ann Yoder. They were of Apple Creek, Ohio, where most of their children are, although one family, (289) Mattie M. Nisley (288), married to Daniel J. Miller, is of Canton, New York, where he is a minister; also two of their children, Lovina Miller, married to Jake L. Shetler, and Samuel J. Miller, married to Elizabeth E. Yoder, are also of Canton, New York. (290) Katie J. Nisley (276) born in 1882, married to Peter E. Miller of Fredericksburg, Ohio. Their children are (291) Annie P. Miller (290), married to Eli D. Mast of Apple Creek; (292) Mattie P. Miller (290), married to Jonas I. Yoder, they are of Dover, Delaware, and one of their children is Katie Ann Miller, married to Lonnie A. Stutzman, who moved from Delaware to Gorrie, Canada; two sons, (293) Abraham P. Miller (290), married to Elizabeth Yoder, and (294) Abner P. Miller (290), both moved to Conewango Valley, New York. (295) Mattie J. Nisley (276), born in 1888, married to John A. Raber, he was ordained deacon in Holmes County, where most of their family are. (296) Bena J. Nisley (276), born in 1891, married to Henry N. Miller, their children are also mostly of Holmes County, Ohio.

Another child of Christian and Sarah (Miller) Nisley is (297) Sarah Nisley (114), born in 1822, died in 1857 at thirty-five years of age, married to Christian Eash. They at one time were in Adams County, Indiana, and had two children, (298) Martha

Eash (297), married to Almon Goon, and (299) Elizabeth Eash (297), married to Noah Schrock of Michigan.

Another son of Christian and Sarah (Miller) Nisley was (300) Abraham Nisley (114) born December 13, 1823, died in 1885, married first to Magdalena Miller, daughter of Levi Miller of Goshen, Indiana. They moved from Indiana to Hutchinson, Kansas. To this union were born two children, (301) Sarah Nisley (300), married to Solomon Stahley, and (302) Mary Nisley (300), married to Moses C. Stahley. Abraham Nisley married the second time to Dinah Yoder, daughter of Eli Yoder. To this union were born several children in Reno County, Kansas: (303) Eli Nisley (300), born in 1864, married to Fanny Troyer, daughter of Jerry and Susanna (Slabach) Troyer, he was ordained minister and bishop and lived at Hutchinson, Kansas, where they raised most of their family. (304) Abraham A. Nisley Jr. (300), born in 1866, married to Amanda Mast, daughter of Deacon Daniel E. Mast. They also were of Hutchinson, Kansas. Their children were (305) Noah Nisley (304), born in 1893, married to Rose Schrock, daughter of Moses T. and Lydia (Miller) Schrock. They were also of Reno County, Kansas. (306) Samuel A. Nisley (304), born in 1895, married to Delila D. Beiler, daughter of David K. and Anna (Kauffman) Beiler. (David Beiler was formerly from Lancaster County.) They were also in Hutchinson, Kansas, where they raised their family, and Delila Nisley was a long time Budget scribe. (307) Annie Nisley (304), born in 1898, married to Phineas Bontrager, son of Moses and Anna Bontrager. Phineas was first married to Mary Beiler, who was also a daughter of the above mentioned David K. Beiler. He was ordained a minister in 1927 and at the present time they are at Bowling Green, Missouri. (308) Daniel Nisley (304), married to Lizzie Bontrager, daughter of John D. and Barbara (Yoder) Bontrager. They were in Hutchinson, Kansas, with their family. (309) Katie Nisley (304), married to Mallen Miller. (310) Daniel A. Nisley (300), born in 1868, married to Elizabeth Mast, daughter of Daniel E. and Catharine (Miller) Mast of Hutchinson, Kansas, where he was ordained minister. There were ten children born to this union, one of which was Minister Fred Nisley of Kalona, Iowa. (311) Enos Nisley (300), born in Hutchinson, Kansas, married to Della Hostetler. (312) Elizabeth Nisley (300), born in 1875, married to Emanuel J. Troyer, son of Jepeth and Elizabeth (Yoder) Troyer of Holmes County, Ohio. Emanuel Troyer's lived in Reno County, Kansas, and later moved to Norfolk, Virginia.

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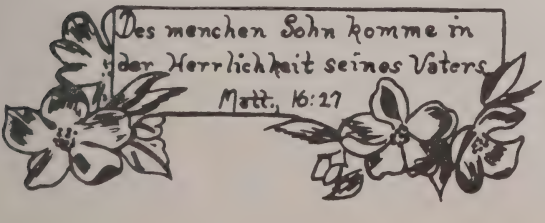

Abraham Drachsel

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that Catholic churches had fixed boundary lines to districts early in America and still practise it today. It is probable that the Catholics used this method of separating districts in Europe, which may offset our theory to some extent.

To give a complete list of the Lebanon Valley families, would not be feasible at this time, more difficult yet is it to list an established minister list. While Abraham Drachsell is mentioned in the Alms book as being the haus-halter, it is also known that his son, Abraham, was a preacher. An interesting abstraction can be given from "The Life of Rev. Phillip Otterbein", the founder of the church of the United Brethren in Christ: *"Abraham Troxel was of the Amish section of the Mennonites. He was born in Lebanon Co., Pa., in 1753. After being silenced by the Amish on account of his evangelical preaching, he became, in 1782, associated with the preachers of the revival movement. For sometime prior to 1804, he lived near the town of Lebanon. In 1804, he moved across the mountains to Westmoreland Co., Pa. His home is about two miles from Mt. Pleasant. He died in 1825.*

Another account of Abraham Draksel Jr., is given in "Landmark History of the United Brethren", saying that a revival meeting was held at his home, which was one of the first (United Brethren) preaching places in the county and state: *"Abraham Draksel had been an Amish minister, being born and brought up in that faith; but the evangelical character of his preaching, which invariably included the element of regeneration, was a source of annoyance to his brethren in the church, who requested him to eliminate that feature to his sermons, which he refused to do. Finally his Amish brethren officially notified him that he must cease preaching; and therefore was called 'the silenced preacher'. He and Martin Kreider* (a former Mennonite) *were members of the first United Brethren conference, which met in Baltimore in 1789.*

A third source of information concerning Abraham Trachsel and the evangelical movement is more in detail. From "History of East Penna. Conference" (United Brethren; source Lebanon Co. Historical Society) We shall include more points of interest. *Abraham Troxel gave twenty-two years of spiritual ministry in the revival movement while residing in Lebanon County. His father, Abraham Drachsel, came to Pennsylvania in a period when the German-Swiss imigration was at its height. He arrived September 15, 1749, on the ship Phoenix which had 550 passengers aboard, the largest number on any one vessel during that year. The list shows that twenty-two ships arrived in 1749, that the largest number carried on any one ship was 550, but that the average was 308, and that the total number of passengers on all the twenty-two ships was 6787. This statement, included in this connection, gives one an opportunity to note the expansion of the German-Swiss immigration which had its beginning, so far as the inland settlements are concerned, with the coming of the ship Maria Hope. The senior Abraham Draksel purchased a large tract of land located in North Lebanon Township, about a mile north of the village of Ebenezer near Lebanon City. Mr. Daniel B. Brandt, a member of our church at Ebenezer is the present owner of ninety-four acres of this tract. Here Abraham Troxel, subject of this sketch was born November 1, 1751. His parents were members of the Amish Society. Of all the elements which entered into the making of the United Brethren in Christ Church, this was the most conservative. Two of our early historians; Spayth and Lawrence relate his spiritual reformation. Lawrence gives the fuller account, from which we quote as follows: "Mr. Draksel, being an obedient and loving son of kind parents, and leading a strictly moral, and in the estimation of his Amish brethren, pious life, was, in his twenty-sixth year, encouraged to take part in preaching, which he did with such* *grace and ability as he had. Soon after he began to preach. however, he felt the need of a change of heart, and, through the grace of God, experienced that change. The love of Christ, which was to him a blessed reality, constrained him to preach it to his brethren; and in the warmth and joy of his first love, he had hoped that the doctrine of the new birth, and the news of his own happy conversion, would be well received by them; but it was not so. That the kingdom of Christ did not consist in rigid outward rules, or forms, or ordinances, but in peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, they would not believe. On the contrary they were offended and scandalized by the new and heartfelt experience and preaching of Draksel, and determined to silence him. After having admonished him the third time, without producing the desired change, either in his religious views or manner of preaching, they sent a special deputation of the elders of the society to announce to him the decision of his brethren, and that he should be silent."*

Other converts listed in this history of the East Penna Conference are families by the name of Blough, Meyer, Light, Steckbeck, Zeller, Krieder, Brighbill, Nafzinger, Boehm and Hoffman. These are nearly all of Mennonite, Amish and Moravian descent, by far the greater number were Mennonites. The Blough, Meyer and Nafziger families were of Amish descent. It is also included in this history that of all of these reformed, Minister Abraham Troxel was the most conservative in religious views and in preaching.

From the above statement it is easy to conclude that this evangelical movement was, at least in part, the downfall of the Amish Lebanon Valley congregation. If this movement spread into the Northkill settlement is not definite, but most certain something of the like thrust upon it at about the same time. The above statement fails to mention any of Draksels' co-ministers, but he was silenced by the members. It is likely that his father (who died two years after) and him were the only ministers in the immediate area. Since the central and western part of the valley was now aflame with the new doctrine, it is doubtful if any other were elected to fill the vacancies after Abraham Srs.' death. As in other afflicted areas in our Fatherland, it was the rule that those who held fast to the old faith, moved west.

While the central and western part of the valley was now disbanding, a parcel of the eastern end was still "holding on" at least for a decade or two. There is evidence that in this time a new ministry was ordained in the Heidelberg or Myerstown area. In this time Hans Beiler was ordained minister and bishop, perhaps he was a successor to Abraham Drachsell. It is also known that Christian Konig was a minister, probably ordained at this time. According to a militia document, dated, April 1, 1784, which was collected from George Dissinger files, a Heidelberg Twp. constable who looked after Revolutionary War delinquents, it is clear that Christian Beiler was a minister in 1784. A clause of the document reads: *George Dissinger der uberbringer dieses Christian Beyler ist ein prediger seiner gemein, und ist noch jung von militia diensten.* George Dissinger here certifies that Christian Beiler is yet in draft age, but is exempt from military service because he is a preacher in his church. Christian Beiler was a nephew of Bishop Hans Beiler, and the father of the reknown Bishop David Beiler.

Another known minister or maybe deacon in this area was Stephen Kurtz Jr. who lived a full mile east of Myerstown. He is, however, listed with the Cumru ministers in 1810 after Hans Beiler, Christian Beiler and Christian Konig have moved away. Bishop Hans Beiler apparently had possession of the Alms book for one year, after the death of Deacon Hans Kurtz. Christian Beiler and Christian King do not appear in the Alms book.

Various spellings and origin of the name

We have already given three different spellings. When our immigrant signed the oath of allegiance at Port Philadelphia, he wrote Abraham Drachsel. Two of his shipmates had their name written by a clerk who wrote Troxel. There is evidence that the name spelling varied already in Europe. In todays public directory of Berks Co., there are twenty entries by that name with thirteen living in Reading. It is not known whether or not some of these are descendants of our immigrant. Lebanon Valley public directories list nine Troxel entries which are most likely descendants of our immigrant. With a few exceptions of slight variation, these are all spelled Troxel. County document spellings range from Drachsel, Draxel, Droxel, to Trachsel, Troxel and Troxell. Pioneer ship list spellings are Drachsl, Drachsell, Tracksel, Trachsel, and Trechsel.

The origin of the name is not definitely known, although the European Drachsels' seem to be associated with Trachselwald, a villiage in the Emmanthal Switzerland.

Trachselwald was a center of Anabaptist activity as early as 1534. Benedict Brechbill was a preacher of this Bern congregation and lived in Trachselwald in 1699. He was banished twice and returned. In 1640, Trachselwald is punished by expulsion, yet secretly some Anabaptists remained. In the second half eighteenth century period, Mennonites lived there and worshipped rather freely as the Bernese government became more tolerant. In 1823, family names are listed on census records of Peter Kohler, Christian Kohler, Ulrich Riest, Hans Steiner, Peter Steiner, and Peter Lantz (see Mennonite Enclopedia; Vol. 4, page 740).

The Drachsels Trachsels in Europe

This family name appears more often in European Anabaptist history than in America. To our knowledge it is not, however, given in the Martyrs Mirror. These Anabaptist families seem to originate from Switzerland. We do not have one single account of this family name in the Alsace or other French districts.

From "Bernese Anabaptists" by Delbert Gratz (page 49) we find a list of Trachsel family living among a group of Mennonites in Frutigen, in the Oberland, Switzerland. Other names of this group are: Amman, Zahler, Krebs, Richen, Schallenberger, Stahli, Stuki, Furer, Ruby, Maier, Kallan, Bucher, Frei, Thonen, Aeschi, Stutzman, Gerber and Wenger. Nearly all of these are familiar Amish or Amish related names. Delbert Gratz maintains that the stronghold of the Amish party in Bern had been in Oberland, although the Amish group never prospered on Bernese soil.

Another European account is from "Bernese Taufer" by Ernest Miller: A Christian Trachsel is named among a group who were *verurteilt zum galeeren dienst*, sentenced to galley slaves. This was an ancient mode of punishment for convicts on the Mediterranean Sea. The slaves were compelled to paddle, low, one decked vessels relative, by narrow, although often equipped with sails they were propelled manually when the wind was not favorable. These vessels included merchantships, warships and pleasure ships, where kings and nobles resorted at the pleasure of the sometimes exhausting toil of slaves punished for their wrong doing and crime. As early as the year 1400, France adopted this mode of punishment, perhaps other European empires follow close by, especially in time of war to excile prisoners. In 1540, Ernest Muller gives the early account of King Ferdinand in Austria, who ordered ninety Anabaptist prisoners *auf dem galeeren*. The prison was perhaps filled beyond capacity and these Anabaptists were bound and sent to Andrea Doria of Tyrol as galley slaves. In 1613, Hans Landis, Galli Fucks (Fox) and Stephan Zehender were bound and sent to Frence war vessels. Hans Landis escaped the command but was afterward caught and beheaded at Zurich in 1614 (see Ausbund page 862). In a series of conferences held from April 5 to 7, 1671, in the towns of St. Gallen and Aarau, 12 Anabaptists were condemned to galley slaves. This was a time when after a century and a half of capital punish mandates were being considered by Swiss authorities to be insufficient to rid of Anabaptism, and were now counselling on new methods to destroy the doctrine. Banishment to other countries was employed to some extent, but complaints from countries taking these refugees in, prevented this compulsion to be effective extensively, until after the thirty years war; barren regions, devastated by warfare, in southern Germany and France took them in. In the later decade of the thirty year war and shortly after, was a period when the galley slave mode of banishing these sectarians, as they were called, by Swiss Authorities was installed. After many harsh mandates and then banishing them out of the country, this mode was elected as the last measure to break up Anabaptism in Switzerland. Much like St John was banished to Patmos Island, our faith ancestory was sentenced into the hands of foreign costume to sail unknown seas, as galley slaves never to return. The inhuman idea was to take the ministers or the strongest leaders and family heads away from the community to have them perish at sea, and most of them did perish early. On war vessels they were thrown overboard when they resisted to war duty. On commercial vessels they would sometimes sail for months without seeing land. Unaccustomed to seafare and rough characteristic company aboard, besides the unfavorable climate they encountered, perhaps many met a welcome early death. The idea might have worked to their thinking, had not kind Providence provided ways to escape, which many did.

In this Ernest Muller chapter on *Auf den galeeren* there is evidence that the last measure mode of banishment has prompted the great exile to Alsace and the palatinate which occurred in 1671 and of all edicts issued by Swiss authorities this one was perhaps dreaded the most. A given number of those, who were sentenced to the galleys is difficult, because many have escaped. But in this chapter are listed a group from Bern who were committed to the French galleys, another group to the Italians, and as late as 1714, four ministers, namely Nicklaus Baumgardner, 40 years old; Hans Luthi, 54 years old; Peter Wuthrich, 50 years old; and Joseph Probst, 50 years old; were sentenced to the galleys of Sicily. According to Muller these were followers of Jacob Amman who returned to Bern after the exile.

From a Benedict Breckbill report, the noted Anabaptist embassador, we read that 14 persons were siezed by Swiss authorities and were sentenced to the galleys for one year. Three of these were of the Amischen side; namely, Barbara Yost, Nicholas Baumgardner, the third one died on the way to the galleys. Some report that they were brought to be freed, perhaps by the brethren in Holland.

By 1762, these Swiss edicts caused concern among the lowlanders or Hollandischer who again came to the aid of the poor Swiss brethren. A certain Mr. Druyvenstehr wrote to Mr. Bartelotti Rikel: the sentence to the galley to Anabaptists in Bern is of great difficulty to them, also it is not as effective as it had thought to be earlier, since the Anabaptists are choosing to carry their chains over the alps to perish in strange seas, even though they with untrimmed beards will rather suffer, being molested and mobbed on the seaway, than to deny their faith. In an October 6, 1717 committee meeting at Amsterdam, an appeal was sent to Bern to release nine persons who were sentenced to the galleys and fourty who were imprisioned, and added that their appeal of 1714, was not carried out as promised and a record of 1715, shows that only one; namely Christian Trachsel was released. Date wise it is possible that this was the father of our immigrant, Abraham Drachsel.

Anna Trachsel is named among four shipload of 346 person refugees going from Basel to Amsterdam, Holland, in 1711. According to Ernest Muller (page 307) these nearly all belonged to the Ammanische Partei.

Thomas Drechsel is named among "one of the three" Zwicksau prophets", who came from Zwickau, Saxony, (Germany) to Wittenberg about Christmastime in 1521, professing a special message through their study of the scriptures, as a direct message from God through the Holy Spirit. They had been influenced by a Lutheran preacher at Zwickau in 1520. At the beginning they attracted much attention and were mistakenly called Anabaptists. When Luther came to Wittenberg, Thomas Drechsel paid him a visit. Luther was very short with him and warned him against playing with God's name. Drechsel left in anger, proclaiming prophecy that Luther would perish (see Mennonite encylopedia; volume 2, page 98).

Ulrich Trechsel, an Anabaptist of Augsburg, was sent to the Palatinate with Peter Schlappach in 1527. In 1527 - 28, he is listed among the Anabaptists in Strassbough. He was from Ingolstadt and took part in the Martyr synod at Augsburg. He delivered a sendbrief of Hans Hut to Worms. In 1729, he was employed in a disputation with Okolampad, in Basel, although the effect of this event is not known (see Mennonitisches Lexicon; Volume 4, page 356). From "Die Taufgesennten Gemeinden" by S. H. Geiser, page 252, we find that after the mission of Urlich Trechsel and Peter Schleppach to Augsburg, the count of the Pfaltz, Ludwig V. (1478 - 1544) induced the Kaiser of Germany to erect a mandate shortly, and at once nine men and a few women were beheaded in the Provinz of Rhernhessen at once. Geiser estimates that in the year 1529, 300 persons were beheaded from this mandate, (See Martyrs Mirror, Scottdale; page 437).

The Drachsel Family accociates in America

When a person pauses to think of our ancesters voyage across the Atlantic in a scant provided and often overcrowded eighteen century sailboat, the experience of the two to five month voyage, sometimes encountering rough seas, famine and sickness, can hardly be fully described. Perhaps foremost in their minds lay a privilege to live in a country, free from persecution, the freedom of worship according to their faith, soothed their afflicted minds. Surely their shipmates who shared equal suffering and at one time or another gave comfort at times of distress, left a lifetime impression on our immigrants. Without a doubt they had much in common and were close to each other for years to come. The most well known shipmates of Abraham Drachsel were Nicklaus Schnyder, Jacob Snyder, Peter Isch (Esh), Jacob Klein, Hannes Miller, Jacob Schmidt, Jacob Miller, Christian Fisher, Christian Miller, Jacob Mishler, Joseph Mishler, Jacob Seiler, Christian Stauffer, Christian Summer, Mathias Naftzinger, Christian Kauffman, Jacob Kauffman, Johannes Lantz, Abraham Kurtz, and Christian Kurtz. Of this list Jacob Seiler, Jacob Snyder, Christian Stauffer and his son John Traxel. The witnesses to Abraham Drachels will were Jacob Naftzinger, Jacob Kurtz and John Kurtz the deacon. Intermarriages to the pioneer family are not known, although Daniel Hershberger and Joseph Forney are named in an estate settlement deed as son-in-laws (Lancaster Co. Court book U. page 298), of John Traxel. His widow is Jacobina. Joseph Forney and Nicholaus Erb are appointed to sell the property. A landgrant sketch of the Drachsel homestead shall appear next month.

Joseph F. Beiler

Our Fatherland In America

Abraham Drachsel [Drayell]

This family name will not be familiar to most of our readers. in fact some may wonder if it really is an Amish name Not until the Alms book was recovered were we truly aware of this family in our Fatherland. To our knowledge this family name is not listed in any of our former family history books, and even our most wellknown history writers do not mention the name. It is not included in the most extensive Amish family names list compiled by Pathway in 1973. This vacancy is likely due to the fact that the name no longer exists in Amish society and has grown extinct already in the second or third generation in America. There is, however, a possibility that this family name bears progeny to present Amish families, most likely in midwestern communities. In his will, Abraham Drachsell lists four children. Abraham Jr., Christian, Feronica and John who preceeded him in death. Abraham affiliated with the United Brethren, little is known of Christian, but he may have also turned to another faith. Veronica (according to the will) had heirs but her marriage partner is not given. John had a daughter married to Jacob Hershberger. Of the latter two appears the only possibility to bear offspring to present Amish families.

Inspite of the little recognition, this pioneer family has been given by former writers, it has drawn significant attention to todays writers in recent years, and surely our Fatherland lines would not be complete without this family. The absolute noteworthy subjects of Abraham Drachsel are twofold. From an 1800 notation in the Alms book by Christoll Mill (Shillington) *ich hab imfangen von Jacob Miller das gelt das ihm gelent was aus dem almosen gelt vom alten haushalter Abraham Trachsel.* Although Abraham was them dead for fourteen years it is clear that the term *haushalter* here mean the bishop that was in charge of the congregation in his lifetime, who had loaned a certain sum to Jacob Miller. In our five year study of the Northkill settlement, we have noticed from time to time that some of our prominent Amish families were drawn away from the Northkill early. Herbert Kauffman of Sharlettsville, Pennsylvania, has retold stories that he has collected as a boy from senior fathers that some of the Amish people moved westward from the Northkill to Fredericksburg, just south of the Blue Mountains, which is now the Lebanon Valley. At that time this Amish Settlement was unknown to us, and naturally we were a bit hesitant to accept it. He maintained that this was due to being molested by the Indians at Northkill, which may be one reason for the movement. If this is the same settlement that was referred to by former history writers as the Lulpehocken, surely the full extent of settlement was not known. Now as more bits are gathered from more recent sources, a new narrative fits together. Abraham Drachsell came to Port Philadelphia on September 15, 1749, or six days after Bishop Jacob Hertzler. If the former came to America with this high office is not definitly known but in all probability he was a leader to the Lebanon Valley movement. He is taxable there in 1751, and there is evidence that he settled there earlier or immediatly after migrating to America. While Jacob Hertzler settled in the Northkill area, it seems reasonable that Abraham Drachsel settled the Lebanon Valley. In the first three years 1749 - 1751, this group included family names as John Meyer, John Hooley, John Gerber, Jacob Stauffer, Nicholas Erb, Peter Gingerich, Jacob Hershberger, Michael Tice, Peter Yoder, Andrew Miller, Peter Ebersol, Christoffel Miller, Christian Hershberger, John Spiker and Jacob Seiler. A number of these are listed on 1749 imports, Michael Tice came in 1748. Perhaps the Hooleys, Myers and Hershbergers removed from the Northkill. Nicholas Erb came from Cocalico. 1756 additional tax lists include John Miller, Christian Blough, Yost Gingerich and David Seiler. By the time of Abraham Drachsells death in 1884, this settlement had prospered and grown. Area wise it was the largest Amish settlement of its time. It extended west into Derry Twp. or from the present town of Hummelstown to Myerstown. Other family names of this settlement from west to east were Reesor, Nissly, Berky, Sharp, Weaver, Barkholder, Datweiler, Nafsiger, Farney, Schantz, Klein, Gnagi, Mayer, Stekli, Schrock, Lehman, Reel, Lantz, Swartz, and Desch. Many of these family names are familiar to us in the Glades, Conemaugh and Casselman settlements later, which includes that they followed the westward movement across the Alleghenies in the later part of the eighteenth century and the first decade of the nineteenth century, as the Lebanon Valley Church dispersed with her sister church in the Northkill.

While the Lebanon Valley congregation covered a larger area than the Northkill, the population was not as great, thus the settlement was more sparse. It is difficult to even suggest how far east this settlement extended, as it interceded with the Northkill geographically. Moreover, the residing ministers of Lebanon are not so well known as the Alms book fails to give a complete list of signatures who were entrusted to the Alms. It is doubtful that our early settlements in America had fixed district dividing lines, rather outlying members chose the most convenient meeting place, or perhaps close kinship or certain roles of establishment decided the home congregation, when settlements interceded. It is hardly probable that our forefathers were accustomed to fixed district lines in Europe. In the Palatinate it is supposed that most churches had meeting houses, moreover the congregation consisted of tenents and many were shortlived. In all probability the district boundary line is an American practise, and most likely started in the Pequea Valley of Lancaster Co. as Amish settlements became stable. It is known, however,

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CASHTON, WIS., YOUTH BREAKS LEG

John, age 18, son of Joe and Susie (Mast) Helmuth, received a broken leg when he fell down while running over a little dip in the yard at Gid Miller's on Sunday evening, April 10, as the boys were going from the barn to the house for the evening singing. He was in the Lutheran Hospital at LaCrosse with his left leg in traction. It was broken about half way between the knee and hip.

HAVEN, KANSAS, BARN FIRE

The big barn on the Ervin P. Eash farm burned to the ground on Tuesday evening, April 26th. They were getting ready to do the evening chores and started a gasoline motor which went into flames, burning the big barn, the big lean-to cattle shed, and the milk house with contents. No livestock was in the barn. The motor was on the outside of the milk house in a little lean-to.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Cashton, Wisconsin

Joe C. Borntreger had the painful experience of having his right elbow knocked out of joint, on April 18th, when an unruly horse rared up and came down on him. He was taken to the Viroqua Hospital, had it put back in place, and came home the same day.

Mrs. Harvey (Elvesta) Miller was a patient for ear surgery on April 26th at the Lutheran Hospital at LaCrosse. She was released the day after the operation.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Holmes County, Ohio

Mark, 19-month-old son of Daniel J. Hochstetler's of Orrville R3, broke his leg March 4th when he fell off a chair.

Joe, 4-year-old son of Levi A. Yoder's of Big Prairie R1, broke his arm March 26th when he fell off the davenport.

HOLMES CO. MAN HURT BY FALLING TREE

Levi A. Raber, 21, of Millersburg R2, Ohio, received a broken shoulder and a badly broken leg while cutting trees when a big branch jumped and fell on him. Four men could not lift the branch from him. He had his leg in traction and needs to stay in the hospital at least three months. They were married last September 16th. His wife is a daughter of Pre. and Mrs. Eli D. Yoder of Millersburg R2. Last reports were that he was coming along satisfactorily and was in good spirits.

LANCASTER CO., PA., CHICKEN HOUSE FIRE

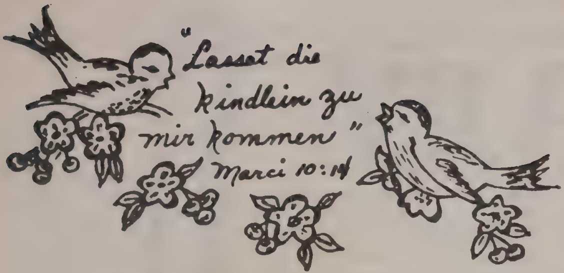
A fire was started in the chicken house on the Benuel F. Stoltzfus farm, Kinzers R1, at Spring Garden, on Saturday evening, April 9th, when an egg case got against the gas heater. The egg room, the roof and rafters of the chicken house were ruined, 1800 chickens were burned and about 300 were left. The fire was soon under control after the fire engines arrived.

ETHRIDGE, TENN., ACCIDENTS

Eli, son of Daniel U. Gingerich's, broke his left arm when he fell out of the hay mow.

Menno J. Hostetler's had an accident when their horse stumbled and fell while going down a hill. They ended up in a fairly deep ditch which gave most of them some bruises and scratches. Little Joe had a gash under his chin that required several stitches. It also did quite a bit of damage to their surrey.

NOTICE!! We publish a Senior Member page in the June issue of The Diary each year, listing our older members who are 80 years old or older. We would like to bring this list up to date in the June 1977 issue. Please send us any corrections and additions to last year's list.



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

ALLGYER, John R. (Sarah Lapp) Gap R1
a daughter NAOMI L., April 22

BEILER, Isaac E. (Rebecca S. King) Quarryville R3
a daughter LIZZIE, April 8

BEILER, Marcus B. (Sara E. Beiler) Holtwood R2
a daughter RACHEL B., April 11

ESCH, Samuel J. (Rebecca S. King) Strasburg R1
a son EPHRAIM K., April 6

FISHER, Amos B. (Rebecca B. Fisher) Gordonville R1
a son CALVIN, April 9

FISHER, Amos S. (Lydia Ann Esh) Paradise R1
a son ALLEN, April 16

FISHER, Elam L. (Sadie S. Kauffman) Honey Brook R2
a son DANIEL, April 19

FISHER, Isaac B. (Anna Mary Esh) Quarryville R3
a daughter LYDIA ANN, April 28

GLICK, Daniel Z. (Sarah F. Stoltzfus) Leola R1
a daughter BARBARA S., April 5

GLICK, Elmer (Fannie Zook) Gap R1
a daughter MARY Z., April 10

GLICK, John R. (Rebecca Fisher) Quarryville R3
twin sons, SAMUEL and SOLOMON, April 25
Solomom died next day (see obituary)

KAUFFMAN, Melvin F. (Katie Mae Stoltzfus) 3522
Scenic Rd., Gordonville, a dau. ANNA MARY, April 2

KING, Benuel F. (Elizabeth Stoltzfus) 445 Willow Rd.,
Lancaster, a daughter BARBARA S., April 25

KING, Christian G. (Priscilla F. Stoltzfus) Quarryville
R2, a daughter EMMA S., April 17

KING, Daniel R. (Fannie B. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1
a son CRIST S., April 15

KING, Isaac F. (Anna E. Lapp) Oxford R1
a son ISAAC L., April 14

LAPP, Christian (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1
a daughter EMMA S., April 30

LAPP, Daniel (Sylvia M. Glick) 99 Zook Lane, Lancaster
a daughter ELIZABETH SUE, March 25

LAPP, Henry B. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Oxford R1
a daughter KATIE S., April 27

MILLER, Enos K. (Rebecca Fisher) Paradise R1
a son ENOS K. JR., April 10

PETERSHEIM, John S. (Sarah F. Lapp) Christiana R1
a daughter REBECCA L., April 12

PETERSHEIM, Stephen M. (Mary E. Riehl) Narvon R2
a son AMOS JAY, April 13

SMUCKER, Amos J. (Mary King) Narvon R2
a daughter ANNA, April 29

STOLTZFUS, Amos E. (Hanna Yoder) Honey Brook R2
a daughter SHARON JOY, April 6

STOLTZFUS, Jacob K. (Fannie S. Smucker) Christiana
R1, a daughter RACHEL, April 7

STOLTZFUS, Jacob S. (Mary Ann Diener) Gordonville
R1, a daughter ESTHER D., April 10

STOLTZFUS, John S. (Anna Stoltzfus) Narvon R1
a daughter ESTHER KAY, April 20

STOLTZFUS, Joshua L. (Emma F. Stoltzfoos) Quarryville R2, a daughter MALINDA, April 19

STOLTZFUS, Reuben (Sadie Fisher) Atglen R1
a son MELVIN, April 2

STOLTZFUS, Samuel (Lydia Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1
a daughter LYDIA, April 20

STOLTZFUS, Sylvan (Rebecca King) New Providence
R1, a daughter MARY, April 22

SWAREY, Ezra J. (Leah Blank) Gap R1
a son ENOS B., April 3

YODER, Israel S. (Elizabeth K. Blank) New Holland R3
a daughter MARIAN B. APRIL 1

Dover, Delaware

Bontrager, David E. (Lena Miller) Hartley R1, a son, April 25.
Brenneman, Simon (Lydia Yoder) Dover R2, a son **Ernest**, April 14
Mast, David D. (Alta Byler) Dover R2, stillborn daughter, March 23.
Miller, Eli H. (Mattie Yoder) Dover R2, a daughter **Ruth**, March 16.
Troyer, Simon S. (Sylvia Byler) Hartley R1, a son **Herman**, April 19
Yoder, Noah J. (Elizabeth Byler) Dover R2, a daughter **Agnes**, April 15

St. Mary's Co., Maryland

Fisher, John (Nancy Hertzler) Mechanicsville, a daughter **Naomi**, April 15
Hertzler, David (Sarah Swarey) Charlotte Hall, a son **Jacob**, April 16

Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania

Lapp, John (Fannie K. Fisher) Allenwood R1, a son **Aaron F.**, April 21

Montour Co., Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Levi E. (Sarah Fisher) Danville R3, a son **Henry**, April 14

Clinton Co., Pennsylvania

Esh, Dan (Anna Esh) Loganton R1, a daughter **Malinda**, March 21

Snyder Co., Pennsylvania

Schwartz, Sam (Lydia Troyer) a son **Solomon**, April 29

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Somerset Co., Pennsyvania

Brenneman,Eli Jr. (Katie Swartzentruber) Grantsville. Md., a son **Mahlon** April 18
Brenneman, Joe E. (Edna Yoder) Myersdale. a son **Henry**, April 19
Kinsinger, Aaron A. (Ada Yoder) Salisbury. a daughter **Esther**, April 26

Crawford Co., Pennsylvania

Raber, Wayne (Ruth Ann Wagler) Conneautville. a dau. **Maria**, April 24

Geauga Co., Ohio

Byler, Ervin E. (Cynthia Miller) a daughter. **Christine**
Byler, Harvey U. (Katie Ann Yoder) a daughter **Emma**, March 29
Byler, Jake A. (Iva Wengerd) a son **Jacob**, April 10
Byler, Joe J. (Susie Yoder) a daughter **Emma**, March 24
Detweiler, Owen U. (Celesta Miller) a son **Lester**
Hershberger, Levi J. (Saloma Byler) a daughter **Rhoda**
Miller, Allen A. (Irene Miller) a son **James**, April 7
Miller, Amos C. (Sara Schmucker) a daughter **Nancy**, March 27
Miller, Andy J. (Mary Ann Miller) a daughter **Emma**, March 29
Miller, Chester R. (Ella Kauffman) a daughter
Miller, Christ A. (Mary Ann Miller) a son **Danny**, April 19
Miller, Jerry J. (Ida Slabaugh) a son **Cristy**, April 3
Mullet, Ervin (Edna Miller) a son **Raymond**, April 15
Muller, Freeman E. (Martha Byler) a son **Robert**, March 28
Mullet, Jake (Amanda Miller) a daughter **Esther**, April 12
Mullet, John H. (Edna Wengerd) a son **Robert**, April 14
Slabaugh, Ura J. (Lizzie Byler) a daughter **Susan**, April 5
Troyer, Mose R. (Lydia Coblentz) a son **Johnny**, April 7
Troyer, Robert N. (Emma Miller) a son **Noah**, April 7
Weaver, Irwin C. (Marie Detweiler) a daughter **Carol**, March 27
Yoder, Crist S. (Ada Miller) a daughter **Rebecca**, April 9

Wayne Co., Ohio

Raber, Paul E. (Anna Mae Weaver) Apple Creek R2. a dau. **Esther**, Apr. 22
Swartzentruber, David A. (Savilla Hershberger) Fredericksburg R2. a Daughter **Mary**, April 20
Troyer, Dan C. (Fannie Weaver) Apple Creek R2. a son **David**, April 3

Holmes Co., Ohio

Barkman, Roy E. (Mary Raber) Baltic R1, a daughter **Luella**, April 11
Graber, David J. (Alma Erb) Sugar Creek R2. a son **Levi**, April 16
Hershberger, Abe L. (Effie Yoder) Dundee R1. a daughter **Esther**, Apr. 26
Hershberger, Andy A. (Fannie Yoder) Lakeville. a son **Andy Jr.**, April 23
Hershberger, Henry A. (Malinda Yoder) Baltic R1. a dau. **Rosie**, April 5
Keim, Eli L. (Verna Yoder) Millersburg R5. a son **Wayne**, February 28
Keim, Roy O. (Lizzie Yoder) Frenso R3. a daughter. April 2
Miller, Allen W. (Esther E. Mast) Millersberg. a daughter **Leona**, April 6
Miller, David A. (Marie A. Miller) Millersburg R5. a daughter **Miriam**, Apr4
Miller, Eli H. (Neva Miller) Millersburg. R5. a daughter **Mary**, February
Miller, Henry J. (Amanda Bowman) Holmesville R1. a dau. **Katie**, April 11
Miller, Jacob M. (Anna Troyer) Baltic. a son **Ray**, April 4
Miller, Monroe A. (Iva Troyer) Fresno a son **Monroe Jr.**, April 22
Miller, Roy A. (Sarah Stutzman) Big Prairie R1, a son **Mose**, April 6
Miller, Wayne J. (Sarah Yoder) Fresno R3. a daughter **Clara**, April 16
Nisley, Dan A. (Ella Yoder) Millersburg R2. a son **John**, April 21
Troyer, Dan J. (Fannie Mast) Baltic a son **Roman**, April 17
Weaver, Paul R. (Orpha Gingerich) a daughter **Judith**, April 3
Yoder, Aden N. (Anna Yoder) Fresno R3. a son **Eli**, April 10
Yoder, Albert N. (Barbara Troyer) Millersburg R4. a son **Albert Jr.**, Mar31
Yoder, Andy P. (Saloma Raber) Millersburg R3. a dau. **Marilyn**, April 15
Yoder, Atlee J. (Ada Erb) Millersburg R3. a son. April 28
Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Yoder, a daughter **Martha**, March
Yoder, Jonas E. (Ada Yoder) Millersburg R3. a dau. **Fannie Mae**, April 14
Yoder, Nelson A. (Lizzie Ann Raber) Millersburg R2. a son **Levi**, April 27
Yoder, Roy A. (Esther Beachy) Holmesville R1. a dau. **Myrna Sue**, Apr 22

Camden, Michigan

Graber, Jonas (Mary Eicher) a daughter **Rosa**, April 11

Branch Co., Michigan

Girod, Reuben A. (Barbara N. Schwartz) a daughter **Josephine**, April 22

Steuben Co., Indiana

Eicher, Amos (Mary R. Schwartz) Hamilton. a son **Paul**, April 24

Allen Co., Indiana

Eicher, William (Mary Schmucker) a daughter **Rosemary**, April 7
Lengacher, David (Rebecca Graber) a son **Mervin**, April 16
Miller, Samuel (Martha Lengacher) a son **Marcus**, April 3
Schmucker, William (Leah Graber) a daughter **Clara**, April 21

LaGrange, Indiana

Fry, Joseph (Mattie Kurtz) LaGrange R4. a son **Leroy J.** March 27
Graber, Elmer H. (Pauline Yoder) LaGrange R3. a son **Joseph**, April 16
Hochstedler, Jerome (Abbie Eash) Rome City R1. a dau. **Marilyn J.**Mar31
Hochstedler, Marvin (Barbara Bontrager) Topeka. a daughter **Angela Fay** April 20
Kramer, Lester (Freida Yoder) LaGrange R1. a son **Mark Allen**, March 28
Kuhns, Melvin (Clara Raber) Ligionier R3. a daughter **Erma**, April 11
Mast, Henry (Freida Miller) LaGrange R4. a son **Norman H.**, April 21
Miller, Daniel (Fannie Miller) LaGrange R4. a daughter **Sarah D.**, April 20
Schrock, Urias J. (Mary) LaGrange R4. a son **Harvey**, April 9

Arthur, Illinois

Chupp, Jacob (Alta Miller) a son **Reuben**, April 11
Gingerich, Melvin A. (Katie S. Miller) a daughter **Ruth Ann**, April
Herschberger, Elva (Edna Viola Diener) a son **Marlin**, April 20
Miller, Simeon A. (Arlene Bontrager. a daughter **Louise**, April
Yoder, Eli N. (Anna Marie Gingerich) a daughter **Rachel**, April 24

Guthrie, Kentucky

Byler, Larry (Catherine Kauffman) Guthrie R2. a dau. **Regina Mae**, April 4

Jamesport, Missouri

Kurtz, John J. (Emma Detweiler) a son **Eli**, April 9
Yoder, William H. (Maryann Yoder) a daughter **Elizabeth**, April 11

Ethridge, Tennessee

Gingerich, Daniel D. (Lydia Gingerich) a daughter **Mary**, April 12
Gingerich, Ura J. (Anna Yoder) a son **Ben**, April 26
Mast, Orla J. (Mattie Miller) a daughter

Audrian County, Missouri

Miller, Clarence E. (Millie Petersheim) Clark. a son **Levi**, April
Miller, Eli J. (Susie Gingerich) Clark, a son **Levi**, April 17
Miller, Joni T. (Lizzie Shetler) Clark, a daughter, April 2
Petersheim, Eli J. (Sarah Gingerich) Clark. a daughter **Barbara**, April 29

Anabel, Missouri

Schrock, Willie S. (alma Borntrager) Clarence, a daughter **Fannie**, April29

Bloomfield, Iowa

Helmuth, Ora A. (Fannie Herschberger) a son **Paul**, April 17

Johnson Co., Iowa

Mast, Fred (Mary Pearl Miller) a daughter **Edna Fern**, April 13
Schlabach, Edward (Ida Miller) a son **Mark**, April 2
Yoder, Robert (Rhoda Miller) a daughter **Naomi**, April 8
Yoder, Willis (Wilma Kauffman) a daughter **Cora Mae**, April 8

Buchanan Co., Iowa

Schwartz, Henry M. (Martha Yutzy) Hazleton. a daughter **Wilma**, April 16
Yoder, Daniel (Sara Kauffman) Hazleton. a daughter **Lydia Mae**, April 17

Canton, Minnesota

Zook, Dan P. (Verna G. Hershberger) a son **Henry**, April 15

Milverton, Ontario

Jantzi, David (Fannie) a daughter. April 26
Kuepfer, Ammon (Laura) a son **Wayne Ammon**, April 8
Kuepfer, Ivan (Dorothy) a daughter **Christina**, April 6
Kuepfer, Reuben (Fanny) a daughter **Eileen**, April 5

Lucknow, Ontario

Shetler, Andy (Susie Stutzman) Lucknow R2. a son **Eli**, April 23

OBITUARIES

BONTRAGER, Eli H., 61, Haven, Kansas
died in Hutchinson Hospital Early Tuesday morning, March 29, following a second heart attack. Three weeks earlier, on March 8th, he had his first attack. He was born March 12, 1916, being in the hospital on his last birthday. He was a son of the late Harry D. and Susan (Miller) Bontrager. Surviving are his wife, Susie (Yoder); mother-in-law, Mrs. Deemy Schrock who lives there with them; two sons, Merlin married to Ida A. Miller, Harry Wayne married to Edith Yoder; two daughters, Irene married to Elton A. Miller and Lydia Mae married to Glen David Yoder, all of Haven R2; 13 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Albert Troyer of Shipshewana, Ind., and Mrs. Felty S. Yoder of Middlebury, Ind.; two brothers, Ben of Hutchinson R2 and Harry of Haven R2. Their invalid son Kenny Bontrager, age 23, passed away in June of 1974.

Funeral services were held at the home Friday a.m., April 1, in the big house by Samuel Petersheim, Noah N. Yoder of Chouteau, Okla., and Bishop Jonas P. Bontrager; and in the small house by John Mast, Harry Diener, and David K. Bontrager. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery, one and one half miles east of Yoder.

ESH, Daniel L., 86, Ronks R1, Pennsylvania
died Friday, April 8, at 7 a.m. at home following a lengthy illness. Born in Leacock Township, he was a son of the late Jacob and Sarah (Lapp) Esh. He was the husband of Katie (Smoker) Esh, who died in July of 1975. Surviving are three sons and a daughter, Jacob S. and Jonathan D., both of Ronks R1, Levi S. of Gotdonville R1, and Malinda, wife of Leroy Stoltzfus of Quarryville R3; 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. He was the last of his immediate family.

Funeral services were held from the Levi S. Esh residence, Gordonville R1, on Monday, April 11, at 9 a.m. Burial was in the Gordonville Cemetery.

GLICK, Solomon F., infant, Quarryville R4, Pa.
died Tuesday morning, April 26, at the Hershey Medical Center. Surviving are his parents, John R. and Rebecca (Fisher) Glick; four brothers and four sisters, Mary, Aaron, Elam, Rachel, Malinda, John, Rebecca, and Samuel, all at home; the paternal grandparents, Aaron J. and Mary Glick of Bird-in-Hand R1; the maternal grandparents, John E. and Rachel Fisher of Loganton, Clinton County; a paternal great-grandfather, Samuel E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1; and the maternal great-grandfather, Daniel U. Stoltzfus of Honey Brook, and great-grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Fisher of Paradise R1.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 27, by Bishop John K. Beiler, hymn read by Roy Fisher, abschied by Amos King. Burial was in Bunker Hill Cemetery.

HOCHSTETLER, Wilma L., 63, LaGrange R1, Ind.
died Friday, April 15, at her home following a lengthy illness. Born in LaGrange County May 25, 1913, she was a daughter of David and Lidy (Yoder) Christner, and was married in LaGrange County November 16, 1933, to Chris H. Hochstetler, who survives. Also surviving are seven sons, Harvey of LaGrange, Chris Jr. of Topeka, Lester of Wolcottville, Elsie and Mervin, both at home, David of Ligonier, and John of Goshen; six daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Ida) Petersheim of Topeka, Mrs. Levi (Mattie) Miller of Wolcottville, Mrs. Elmer (Katie) Mast of LaGrange, Mrs. Elmer (Mary) Miller of Shipshewana, and Mrs. Jesse (Rosie) Schlabach and Mrs. Ernest (Anna Mae) Schrock, both of Goshen; 51 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Joe (Saloma) Bontrager and Mrs. Amos (Mattie Mishler, both of LaGrange; a brother, Uriah Christner of Topeka; seven stepsisters and five stepbrothers.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the family home by Pre. Dan Lehman and Bishop Ervin Hochstetler. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery at CR 400W and 450S.

KING, Suvilla F., 48, 31 Newport Rd., Leola, Pa.
died Good Friday morning, April 8, at 6:10at her home unexpectedly from a Cerebral Hemorrhage (stroke). She was in her usual good health till Good Friday morning, then she got up at early dawn with a headache, called her dad, laid on the couch, and within an hour life had fled. Born in Upper Leacock Township, she was a daughter of Joshua L. and the late Katie (Fisher) King, who died 12 years ago on March 6, 1965. Suvilla kept house for her father. Surviving in addition to her father are a brother, Christian F. King, and wife, Anna, three nieces and two nephews, Katie 13, Alvin 11, Suvilla 8, Saloma 5, and Reuben 15 months, all of 186 Quarry Road, Leola.

Funeral services were held April 11th, short services at the home by David Glick, hymn by Samuel Lapp; further services at the home of her brother, Christ F. King, by Benuel K. King and Daniel Z. Stoltzfus, hymn by Dea. Abram K. King; burial in Myers Cemetery, hymn by Dea. Benuel Stoltzfus, abschied by John Miller. Pall bearers were cousins, Christ K. King, Ammon K. King, Isaac Z. Stoltzfus, and Benuel M. Fisher.

KURTZ, Mrs. Mary (Detweiler), 78, Middlefield R2,O.
died April 4th of heart failure. She was born April 8, 1898, and was married January 10, 1918, to John J. Kurtz, who survives. Also surviving are seven sons and three daughters, Dan, Wallace, John, Gideon, Jake, Joe, William, Ida, Nannie, and Malinda. A daughter, Sarah, died July 16, 1971.

Funeral services were held April 7th at the residence by Bishop John Detweiler. Burial was in Mespo Cemetery.

MILLER, Abe J. C., 76, Millersburg R5, Ohio died March 7th at Pomerene Hospital after a brief illness. Born in Trail on August 8, 1900, he was a son of Joseph C. and Anna (Miller) Miller, had lived in the Mt. Hope area most of his life, and on January 12, 1926, married Anna Miller, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Eli A. of Millersburg R5; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Jonas (Emma) Yoder and Mrs. Dan (Ada) Gingerich, both of Millersburg R5 and Mrs. Enos (Susie) Miller of Hartville; three brothers, Eli J. C. of Millersburg R5, Joseph J. C. of Orrville and Monroe J. C. of Apple Creek R2; and three half-brothers, Henry J. C. of South Carolina, John J. C. of Shreve and Melvin J. C. of Wilmot R1.

Funeral services were held March 19th at the Miller residence by Bishop Mahlon J. Hochstetler. Burial was in Schlabach Cemetery.

MILLER, Crist H., 18, Topeka R2, Indiana was killed late Tuesday evening, April 19, while he was riding his bicycle on CR 700S. Born in LaGrange County January 21, 1959, he was a son of Harold L. and Elizabeth (Beechy) Miller, who survive. Also surviving are eight brothers, Orva, Alvin, Vernon, and Wilbur, all of LaGrange, Mervin and Elva, both of Topeka, LeRoy of Shipshewana and Ernest of Milford; twin sisters, Fannie Marie and Anna Mae, both at home; his paternal grandparents, Monroe J. and Katie Miller of Topeka, and his maternal grandparents, John and Anna Beechy of Topeka.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Irvin Schlabach by Pre. Perry Miller and Bishop Levi M. Mast. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

MILLER, Harley L., 53, Shipshewana R2, Indiana died Saturday, April 23, at his home following an illness of one year. Born in Plain City, Ohio, May 19, 1923, he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Miller, and was married December 18, 1947, to Mary Byler, who survives. Also surviving is his father of Plain City; six daughters, Edna, Arlene, Lovina, and Linda, all at home, Mrs. Mahlon Lambright and Mrs. Vernon D. Yoder, both of Shipshewana; four sons, Marvin, Allen, Paul, and LaVern, all at home; three grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Beechy and Mrs. Joe Kramer, both of Plain City.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the home by Bishop Elvie Frye. Burial was in the East Barren Cemetery near Shipshewana.

MILLER, Lorrianna, infant, LaGrange, Indiana died Thursday, April 7, in the Elkhart General Hospital three hours after birth. She is survived by her parents, Orva and Wilma Miller. Graveside services were held in the Miller Cemetery.

MILLER, Pre. Samuel W., 74, Topeka R1, Indiana died suddenly Thursday, April 7, at his home from an apparent heart attack. Born in LaGrange County December 23, 1902, he had lived most of his life in the Topeka area, and was married March 28, 1926, to Lovina Stauffer, who survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Freeman (Mary) Yoder of Shipshewana, Mrs. Mervin (Irene) Miller of Topeka and Mrs. Mahlon (Anna Marie) Lehman of Ligonier; six sons, Samuel Jr. of LaGrange, Orley of Shipshewana, Freeman of Millersburg, Wilbur, Glen, and Perry, all of Goshen; a brother, David W. of Sarasota, Fla.; six sisters, Mrs. Ervin (Wilma) Bontrager, Mrs. Edward (Amelia) Slabach and Mrs. Anna Miller, all of Shipshewana, and Mrs. Owen (Lizzie) Hostetler, Mrs. Perry (Amanda) Lehman, and Mrs. Levi (Nettie) Mast, all of Topeka; 52 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Orla Troyer home by Bishop Calvin Lambright and Pre. Tobe Troyer. Burial was in the Hawpatch Cemetery.

RABER, Elmer N., 79, Baltic R1, Ohio died Wednesday afternoon, March 30, in his home following a brief illness. Born in Holmes County, he was a son of the late Noah A. and Mary (Shetler) Raber, and was a retired plumber. His wife, Sarah, died in 1969. Surviving are two sons and a daughter, Andy E. of Fredericksburg R2, and Eli E. and Mrs. Henry C. (Ella) Yoder of Baltic R1; 19 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. A son, a grandson, a brother and a sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 2, at 9 a.m. in the Raber residence by Bishop Dan G. Yoder. Burial was in Raber Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Mrs. Annie, 84, Gordonville R1, Pa. died at her home at Intercourse on Saturday, April 9, at 1 a.m. following a lengthy illness. Born in Salisbury Township, she was a daughter of the late Daniel L. and Katie (Fisher) Stoltzfus. Her first husband, Christ Petersheim, died in 1960. She is survived by her husband, Samuel E. Stoltzfus, and the following children, David L. Petersheim of Bird-in-Hand R1, Lydia, wife of B. John Stoltzfus of Gap R1, Daniel S. Petersheim of Bird-in-Hand R1, Levi S. Petersheim of Gordonville R1, Christian S. Petersheim of Fredericksburg, Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 59 great-grandchildren; four stepchildren, Eli Stoltzfus and Mary, wife of Aaron J. Glick, both of Bird-in-Hand R1, Samuel Stoltzfus and Benjamin Stoltzfus, both of Christiana R1; fifty-six step-grandchildren and 169 step-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Samuel F. Stoltzfus and Daniel F. Stoltzfus, both of Gap R1, and three sisters, Mrs. Betsy Beiler of Gap R1, Mrs. Katie Stoltzfus of Narvon R2, and Hannah, wife of Gideon Fisher of Myerstown R2.

Funeral services were held at the home by Amos Esh, hymn by David Esh; further services at the Amos Esh home by Melvin Beiler and Stephen Fisher, hymn by Daniel Stoltzfus; burial at Spring Garden Cemetery, hymn by David L. Stoltzfus, abschied by Stevie Esh. Her age was 84 years, 7 months, and 2 days.

WEAVER, Mrs. Mary, 43, LaGrange R4, Indiana
died at 1 p.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, where she was admitted for treatment of a kideny ailment. She had been in failing health for several months. Born December l, 1933, in LaGrange County, she was a lifetime resident of that community, and was married February 25, 1960, to Samuel L. Weaver, who survives. Also surviving are her father, Elmer F. Miller of Middlebury; two daughters, Esther and Miriam, both at home; two sisters, Mrs. Levi (Ida) Lambright of LaGrange and Mrs. Ralph (Polly) Bontrager of Middlebury; and two brothers, John Miller of Marysville, Ohio, and Amos Miller of Middlebury. Two daughters and a son are deceased.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Daniel E. Bontrager home by Bishop David Bontrager. Burial was in Yoder Cemetery.

WENGERD, Noah M., 81, Middlefield R1, Ohio
died Saturday morning, April 9, following a stroke. He was born April 26, 1895, and was married to Emma Miller who died November 22, 1973. Surviving are five sons and five daughters, Mose, Gideon, Dan and Andy, all of Middlefield, Noah Jr. of Meadville, Pa., Katie of Huntsburg, Dda of Burton, Mattie, Emma, and Saloma, all of Middlefield.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 11, at the residence. Burial was in Mespo Cemetery.

OAKLAND, MARYLAND, ACCIDENT

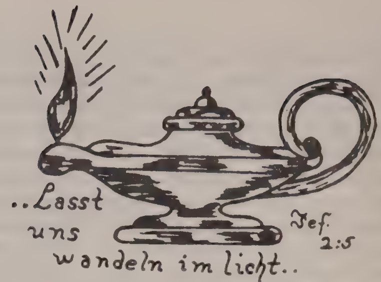
On December 2nd while picking corn Leroy Brenneman, age 27, got his left hand in the corn picker. It took quite a bit of flesh off of the wrist before he was able to stop the tractor with his foot. A hunter heard his calling and helped him get loose. He was first taken to Cumberland Hospital but they flew him to Baltimore from there where he was at the hospital eight weeks. There they took flesh off of the abdomen to grow on his wrist. It seems to be healing now but he still carries his arm in a sling. The doctor was pleased with the progress it made but told him he will never have full use of that hand. His wife is the oldest daughter of John C. Yoder's and they have three small children.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Arthur, Illinois

Joe J. Kaufman received a broken arm April 11th while doing the chores. Two cows tried to go through a door at the same time crowding him against the door, breaking his right arm below the elbow. He was taken to the hospital, had surgery and a plate put in, and came home the next day. He was getting along fine at last reports.

Ervin F. Mast was grinding a knife April 23rd when a few pieces of steel flew into his eye. He didn't mind it much till the next day in church. Then it pained him so much that he went to the doctor, and had two pieces of steel removed.

Monroe C. Herschberger loaded his livestock and household goods April 12th and moved to Bloomfield, Iowa.


..Lasst uns wandeln im licht..
Jes. 2:5

BAPTISMS

Holmes County, Ohio
Berlin N. E. District, March 13
By the home Bishop
Vernon, son of Deacon and Mrs. Ammon Raber
Roy, son of Bishop and Mrs. Raymond Weaver
Ivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hochstetler

Hicksville, Ohio
April 17th, at Eli Mast's
by Bishop Victor Yoder
Dorothy, dau. of Nelson and Ada Miller

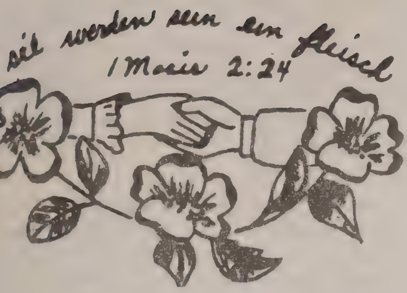
Bronson, Michigan
March 6th, by Bishop Amzie Troyer
William, son of Adam Schrock
Mervin, son of Ivan Schmucker
Alma, dau. of Menno Bontreger

Allen County, Indiana
April 17, by Bishop Samuel J. Graber
Aaron, son of Alvin and Fannie Marie (Graber)Lengacher
John, son of John and Mary (Schwartz) Lengacher
Simon, son of Samuel and Anna (Graber) Lengacher
April 17, by Bishop Christy Schmucker
Joseph, son of Daniel and Rosa (Eicher) Miller
April 24, by Bishop Samuel C. Graber
Lester, son of Peter and Mary Ann (Wittmer) Zehr
Paul, son of Henry and Martha (Graber) Schwartz
Jacob, son of John and Rosa (Graber) Miller
John, son of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Schmucker
Enos, son of David and Anna (Graber) Schmucker
Michael, son of Menno and Ida (Graber) Graber
David, son of David and Leah (Graber) Miller
Irene, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Lengacher) Schmucker
Rosa, dau. of Victor and Maryann (Graber) Lengacher

Haven, Kansas
March 27, by Bishop David E. Schrock
Lavern, son of Noah N. and Sarah (Mullet) Yoder of Chouteau, Oklahoma
Marilyn, dau. of Jonas J. and Alma (Schrock) Bontrager, of Haven, Kansas

Buchanan County, Iowa
In South Middle District, Hazleton, Iowa
By Bishop John Nisley
Andy, son of Pre. Levi Nisly

Blair, Wisconsin
September 19, 1976, by Chris C. Borntreger
Orpha, dau. of Felty and Polly Lambright


sie werden sein ein Fleisch
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MARRIAGES

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Widower Amos Stoltzfus, Leola, to Lena Stoltzfus, Bird In Hand, March 10, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus.

Dover, Delaware

Mast, Yoder - Emery, twin son of Sam H. and Dora Mast, to Erma, daughter of Preacher Leroy J. and Mary Yoder, March 17, by Bishop John J. Yoder.

Mast, Miller - Enos, twin son of Sam H. and Dora Mast, to Lydia, daughter of William H. and Laura Mae Miller, March 24, by Bishop Dan A. Yoder.

Miller, Miller - William, son of William E. and Laura Mar Miller, to Sarah Ann, daughter of Manilus A. and Verna Miller, March 31, by Bishop Dan A. Yoder.

Coblentz, Yoder - Alvin, son of Preacher Joe and Sarah Coblentz, Tennessee, to Bertha, daughter of Preacher Elmer and Mary Yoder, April 14, by Bishop Jonas Coblentz.

Miller, Yoder - Henry Jr., son of Preacher Henry E. and Effie Miller, to Malinda, daughter of Bishop Dan A. and Malinda Yoder, April 28, by Bishop Tobias Detweiler.

Juniata Co., Pennsylvania

Weaver, Troyer - Abe E. son of Emory E. and Mary (Hochstetler) Weaver, to Verna E., daughter of Eli M. and Sara (Miller) Troyer, April 5, by Bishop Tobe Petersheim

Geauga Co., Ohio

Yoder, Miller - Andrew, son of Olin and Clara Yoder, to Mary, daughter of Ervin J. and Sadie Miller, April 21, by Bishop Lester A. Yoder.

Holmes Co., Ohio

Hershberger, Miller - Eli, son of Henry and Fannie (Miller) Hershberger, to Barbara, daughter of Bishop Andy M. and Amanda (Troyer) Miller, March 3, by Bishop John J. Miller.

Yoder, Yoder - Roy, son of Mrs. Eli Mast and the late Eli D. Yoder, to Clara, daughter of Bishop John J. C. and Verda (Miller) Yoder, March 24, by Bishop Enos D. Miller.

Miller, Troyer - Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller, to Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Troyer, April 14, by Bishop Andrew J. Yoder, Charm North District.

Miller, Miller - John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon J. Miller, to Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin M. Miller, April 21, by Bishop John C. Yoder, Farmerstown West District.

Yoder, Miller - Aden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose M. C. Yoder, Fresno, to Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. W. Miller, Millersburg, April 14, by Bishop Andy E. Yoder.

Schlabach, Miller - Levi L. Schlabach, to Amanda E. Miller, May 3.

Wayne Co., Ohio

Hershberger, Hershberger - Wayne, son of Ammon and Fannie (Miller) Hershberger, to Edna, daughter of Emanuel and Mary (Hershberger) Hershberger, April 5.

Yoder, Troyer - Robert, son of Atlee and Emma (Stutzman) Yoder, to Lizzie, daughter of Andy and Emma (Weaver) Troyer, April 14, by Bishop David Troyer.

Miller, Troyer - Amos, son of Crist and Susie (Stutzman) Miller, to Esther, daughter of Andy and Emma (Weaver) Troyer, April 21, by Bishop David Troyer.

Allen Co., Indiana

Schmucker, Lengacher - Steve, son of Enos and Loraine (Eicher) Schmucker, to Marjorie, daughter of Victor and Mary Ann (Graber) Lengacher, April 7, by Bishop Christy Schmucker.

Lengacher, Schmucker - Melvin, son of Paul and Fannie (Wittmer) Lengacher, to Irene, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Lengacher) Schmucker, April 24, by Bishop Christy Schmucker.

Graber, Graber - Andy, son of John and Sarah (Lengacher) Graber, to Esther, daughter of Levi and Edith (Miller) Graber, April 24, by Bishop Sam C. Graber.

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Schrock, Graber - Olen, son of Noah and Irene Schrock, to Orpha, daughter of Daniel H. and the late Katie Ann (Miller) Graber, April 3.

Schrock, Miller - Alvin, son of Levi and Mary (Bontrager) Schrock, to a daughter of Bishop Amos N. and Clara (Lambright) Miller.

Graber, Petersheim - Orva, son of Henry and Emma (Miller) Graber, to Ida, daughter of David and Susie (Yoder) Petersheim.

Arthur, Illinois

Schrock, Diener - Noah, son of Harvey and Lucy (Yoder) Schrock, to Martha, daughter of Enos and Martha (Schrock) Diener, April 5.

Otto, Schrock - Milton, son of Deacon John and Barbara (Beachey) Otto, to Edna Fern, daughter of Henry M. and Gertrude (Jess) Schrock, April 26.

Jamesport, Missouri

Graber, Kramer - Melvin Jr., son of Melvin and Sarah (Schrock) Graber, to Katie, daughter of Ralph and Amanda (Yutzy) Kramer, April 28.

Marshfield, Missouri

Beachy, Beachy - Henry, son of Dan and Sadie (Hochstetler) Beachy, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Sam and Lena (Beachy) Beachy, April 21, by Bishop Pete Yoder.

Anabel, Missouri

Bontrager, Borntreger - Willis, son of Alva W. and Katie Ann (Miller) Bontrager, Indiana, to Fannie Mae, daughter of David A. and the late Fannie (Hochstetler) Borntreger, April 14, by Bishop Will P. Miller, Michigan.

Wilton, Wisconsin

Yoder, Hochstetler, Jacob, son of John and Mary (Schrock) Yoder, to Mary, daughter of Perry and Lizzie (Stutzman) Hochstetler, April 28, by Bishop Amos M. Borntreger.

Blair, Wisconsin

Borntreger, Mast - Rudy, son of Joe and Alma Borntreger, to Susie, daughter of William and Barbara Mast, September 30, 1976, by Bishop John H. Miller.

Schrock, Lambright - Alvin, son of Sam and Rebecca Schrock, to Esther, daughter of Alvin and Esther Lambright, December 23, 1976, by Bishop Chris Kauffman.

Yoder, Mast - Eli, son of Levi and Lena Yoder, to Millie, daughter of William and Barbara Mast, April 19, by Bishop Chris C. Borntreger.

Gingerich, Mast - Ura, son of Amos and Ella Gingerich, to Clara, daughter of William and Barbara Mast, April 22, by Bishop John B. Mast.

Norwich, Ontario

Miller, Shetler - Atlee, son of Gideon E. and Sarah (Stutzman) Miller, to Ada, daughter of William J. and Mary (Shetler) Shetler, March 17, by Bishop Eli Swartzentruber.

ORDINATIONS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Chester S. Stoltzfus, 33, Ronks R1, was ordained minister in North East Upper Pequea District, April 9th. He is a son of Mima and the late Bishop Sylvan Stoltzfus of Gordonville R1, and is married to Mary, daughter of Gideon B. and Annie Stoltzfus of Bird-in-Hand R1. Others in the lot of ten were Isaac S. Fisher, Jonas E. Fisher, David S. Fisher, Samuel S. Fisher, Christian L. King, Christian F. Beiler, Samuel I. Stoltzfus, Amos K. Esh, and David K. Stoltzfus.

Emanuel B. Lapp, 24, New Holland R1, was ordained minister in North East Groffdale District, April 10th. He is a son of John J. and Barbara (Beiler) Lapp, New Holland R1, and a grandson of Pre. John K. Lapp. He is married to Lizzie, daughter of Lizzie (Esh) and the late Pre. Jacob King of Honey Brook District. Others in the lot of five were Elam Huyard, Joseph Stoltzfus, Aaron E. Lapp, and David S. Zook Jr.

Benuel S. Blank, 44, Narvon R2, was ordained in North Lower Pequea Cains District, April 11th. He is a son of the late Dea. Joseph R. and Barbara Blank, and is married to Annie, daughter of Dea. David S. and Katie Esh, Gordonville R1. With him in the lot of six were Jacob Blank, Jonathan Lapp, Alvin King, David Beiler, and Samuel Stoltzfus.

Jacob Y. Beiler, 32, was ordained minister in West Georgetown District, April 11th. He is a son of Bishop Amos L. and Sarah Beiler, Paradise R1, and is married to Emma, daughter of Christian K. and Sarah Miller, Nickle Mines. With him in the lot of six were Moses Glick, Joseph Glick, Bennie King, Enos Stoltzfus, and David Smucker.

Christian B. Riehl, 46, Ronks R1, was ordained bishop in South East Millcreek District, April 11th. He was ordained minister in 1967.

Joseph E. Stoltzfus, 35, Peach Bottom R1, was ordained minister in Wakefield District, April 11th. He is a son of Samuel K. and Katie Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, and is married to Lydia, daughter of John E. and Rebecca Fisher of Sugar Valley. With him in the lot of six were Daniel Fisher, Joshua Stoltzfus, Jacob Stoltzfus, Isaac Stoltzfus, and Amos Stoltzfus.

Christian K. Miller, 40, Strasburg R1, was ordained minister in North Beaver Creek East District, April 14th. He is a son of John P. and the late Leah Miller, Strasburg R1, and is married to Anna Mary, daughter of John M. and the late Fannie Glick. With him in the lot of seven were Eli Ebersol, Jacob Stoltzfus, Amos Lapp, Samuel Beiler, Reuben Lapp, and Elmer Beiler.

David R. Zook, 28, New Holland R1, was ordained minister in North West Groffdale District, April 15th. He is a son of Noah S. and Mary (Riehl) Zook, New Holland R1, and is married to Sadie, daughter of Pre. Samuel L. and Fannie (Blank) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1. With him in the lot of six were Leroy Smucker, David Z. Stoltzfoos, John I. Glick, Amos E. Zook, and Moses B. Zook.

Benuel Stoltzfus, 34, Honey Brook R1, was ordained minister in North Honey Brook District, April 16th. He is a son of Jonas S. and Malinda Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, and is married to Malinda, daughter of David and Katie Smucker, Narvon R1. With him in the lot of 5 were Daniel Stoltzfus, Levi Stoltzfus, Alvin Zook, and Daniel Stoltzfus.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

David Yoder Jr., 25, was ordained minister in the Lower District. He is a son of David and Lizzie (Yoder) Yoder. Others in the lot were Norman Brenneman, Noah Summy, Alvin Summy, Roy H. Kinsinger, Paul J. Kinsinger, Bennie Peachey, and Simon E. Yoder.

David Beachy, 49, was ordained minister in the Middle District. He is a son of Noah and Katie (Shrock) Beachy. Others in the lot were Roy S. Kinsinger, Sam A. Kinsinger, Dave R. Kinsinger, Simon E. Brenneman, Milt M. Brenneman, Floyd Summy and Joe E. Brenneman.

Holmes County, Ohio

Aden Yoder, 28, was ordained minister in Dan J. D. Miller District. He is a son of Noah L. Yoder's.

Atlee J. Troyer, 46, Fredericksburg R2, was ordained bishop in the Jacob R. Troyer East District, April 24th. His wife is Katie J. Burkholder.

Roy A. Yoder, 28, Apple Creek R2, was ordained minister, April 29th, in Mt. Eaton North-East District.

Jacob J. Keim, 48, Dundee R1, was ordained minister, April 30th, in Winesburg North-East District.

Arthur, Illinois

Samuel D. Schrock, 32, was ordained minister in Dan A. Miller West District, April 10th. He is a son of the late Daniel J. and Ada (Mast) Schrock, and is married to Susie Ellen, daughter of Min. Jacob A. Schrock of Indiana.

Jacob M. Stutzman, 25, was ordained minister in Dan A. Miller East District, April 17th. He is a son of Min. Eli Stutzman, and is married to Maryann, daughter of Alvin M. Miller's.

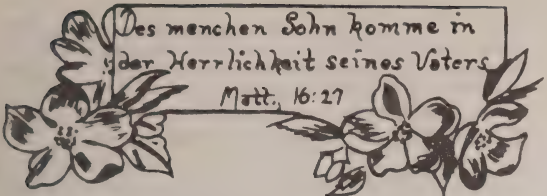
Audrain County, Missouri

Eli J. Miller, 30, was ordained minister in the South East District, April 17th. He is a son of Joe E. Miller's, and is married to Susie, daughter of Samuel J. Gingerich, all on Clark address. They have six children.

Eli J. Petersheim, 31, of Clark, was ordained minister in North East District, April 24th. He is a son of Bishop Jacob L. Petersheim, and is married to Sarah, daughter of Pre. Noah J. Gingerich's, all on Clark address. They have seven children. His dad is the bishop of this church district and they live in the small house on Eli's place.

Cashton, Wisconsin

Edwin E. Gingerich, 40, of Cashton R1, was ordained minister in North District, April 8th. Others in the lot were Joe Helmuth and Raymond Raber.



THE WINTRY JANUARY OF 1977

The weather of the past January will not soon be forgotten by the many people who had to keep homes heated, water lines open, diesel engines running, or those who were laid off from work due to energy shortages.

The year started in with a cover of snow which had fallen on the day after Christmas. After several years of rather mild winters, many were poorly prepared for the cold wintry blasts of Artic air masses that arrived early in the month, and stayed.

From the 11th through the 23rd was a stretch of 14 days below the freezing mark in which there were three days that the high temperature reached 19, high for that period was 31 degrees on the 15th; the low's were one day after the other nearly zero or below; the 16th read at two below, the 17th at minus 8 degrees, and the 18th at minus 12 degrees; on the 17th the noontime temperature was at a chilly three degrees above. Winds were another factor and on the 8th the high winds had roads closed; on the 11th velocity measured at 63 M.P.H.; on the 17th, with the temperature at minus 80, a 52 M.P.H. wind put the chill factor at minus 67 degrees.

The real storm saved all its fury for several hours on the evening of the 28th, the day had been balmy with a reading of 43 degrees when a storm broke loose similar to a summer thunderstorm. Only an inch of snow fell that evening in this area but winds at 67 M.P.H. whipped old snow everywhere, visibility was almost zero and many people were stranded on the spot until later in the night when the winds subsided a bit. Temperature tumbled from 43 degrees in the afternoon to zero at 9:45 and by morning to minus 5 degrees.

The mean temperature for the month of January was a record 19.5 here in Lancaster County, previous mean low temperature had been 20.7 in January of 1918; also record cold for the nation, Eastern part had 25.1, previous second had been 25.3 in 1857 and midwest temperature was 11.3, previous mean low was 12.9 in 1857. Lancaster only started keeping record in 1914, but Philadelphia claims it was the coldest January since 1790.

Wind chill factor was minus 80 degrees in North Illinois and minus 100 in Minnesota, 30 miles south of Miami it was in mid 20's on January 30th. The coldest day in Lancaster area on record was January 28, 1925. As of January 31, 1977, Buffalo, New York had 160 inches of snow.

Lancaster County has the Susquehanna River flowing along its western boundary and there are people who are called the river watchers. Their reports were rather interesting.

On the 4th the river was reported frozen for the nine mile stratch from Columbia to Safe Harbor. By the 12th ice was reported at six to seven inches thick, the 15th at 12 inches, the 23rd at 16 to 20 inches thick, and on the 28th at two feet of ice. On the 4th of February the watchers reported 30 inches.

This sent them to the record books and some people were very much concerned about the potential dangers of such a mass of ice when spring arrives.

In 1904 with only 15 inches of ice there was a disastrous ice jam. In 1936 the ice was 53 inches on the 24th of February and on March 17th of that year the ice jammed at Turkey Neck, causing flooding second only to the flooding of June 1972.

While the river froze, the frost line on the ground also reached record depths. In digging a trench on a roadway in Lancaster, frost was recorded at 38 inches deep. Many underground water lines closed and some did not open again until March.

The second week in February saw temperatures rising and with this mounting concern of the river watchers. On February 12th with a reading of 58 degrees it was noted that there was some erosion of the ice. Greatly in favor of a favorable ice disposal were warm days and cold nights without any real heavy rains. On the 26th of February the ice started moving and a heavy rain at that time could have been disastrous. Weather continued in the pattern of cold nights and thawing days, and though flood levels were reached on the 28th, by March 1st it was announced that the food danger was over.

In this time life on the farm consisted of taking care of bare necessities at times. Many farmers were kept busy with caring for stock and making sure that water was kept running. At one place where water supplies were cut off to a distant hog barn, the farmer sold his hogs.

At some places factory workers were laid off after the state ordered gas rationing to non-essential businesses and industries. Schools were ordered closed for three days at the height of the crisis the the last week of January.

In all of this we are made to realize that energy resources are not as inexhaustable as supposed a few years ago. Electric heating, claimed as the wave of the future only a few years ago, has been keenly re-examined, especially by people whose electric bills soared into hundreds of dollars. Oil and gas supplies are watched closely by government officials and a great move is underway to go back to Grandma's old cook stove which can be fired by almost anything that burns. The era of pushing buttons and obtaining all conveniences at a cheap or reasonable rate is over.

It will take a lot of courage and it won't be popular politics, but someone in authority will have to come to grips with the energy situation soon. Many people have changed their thinking, and come another winter may be ready and willing to help each other in conservation of energy for more winters to come.

Submitted by Elam S. Beiler

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, by Christian L. Fisher

April was wet and cool with almost three inches of rain the first week. It was down to 24 on the 9th and 80 on the 12th. It was cool three days, cloudy and warm six days, and cool the rest of the month. We had 1/2 inch of rain on the 29th, and 9/10 on the 24th.

A lot of farming was done in April and some corn was planted. The pastures and grass fields are very good and the wheat is coming along.

by Levi Stoltzfus

The rainfall for April was 5.9 inches.

Market Report: Fat cattle advance for the 4th week, tops sold $43 - $44 cwt.; feeders range from $35 - $45 cwt.; fat hogs $36 - $40.25 cwt.; 40lb feeder pigs $92 - $122 cwt.; choice veal $82 cwt.; spring lambs $75 cwt.; dairy cows at New Holland $475 - $1400; corn $2.60 per bu. or $65 - $76 a ton; wheat $2.70 per bu.; barley $2.30 per bu.; oats $1.90 per bu.; hay $54 - $120 per ton; straw $48 - 85 per ton; corn fodder $48 - $58 per ton; potatoes retail $7 cwt.; large eggs $.55 per doz.; heavy fowl $.31 per lb.; pullets $.22 - .45 per lb.; ducks $.57 per lb.; pigeons $3.50 a pair; rabbits $1.00 lb.

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

April was an unusually dry month with only 1.8 inch of rain for the month. We had many days of sunshine and wind. The temperature was about normal or slightly above normal. The high for the month was 86 degrees on the 12th and a low of 33 on the 29th, with a number of light frosts but no killing frost.

Farmers are planting corn, or working up corn ground. Grains and early hay will be short again. Most winter oats did not stand the severe cold and had to be reseeded to spring oats.

Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

April brought us a total of 5.8 inches of rain. All of it came the first five and the last five days and in between it was dry, which gave farmers a chance to get their plowing done and the ground worked. A few reported having some corn planted. Grain and pastures seemed to be a little slow in growing due to cool and dry weather. Fruit and cherry trees were extra full of blossoms this year.

Clinton Co., Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Beiler

April was changeable and was mostly cool at first. On the 6th we had snow on the ground and snow flurries all day. The 12th and 13th it was 82 degrees, then it was mostly warm till the last week of the month. We had frost the last 3 mornings, a hard one the 29th and the strawberries were blooming. We also had some welcome rains, as it was rather dry. Plowing is mostly done, but not much corn has been planted.

Centre Co., Pennsylvania, by Henry M. Glick

It rained the first two days of the month and again the 4th and 5th when it also turned colder with temperature down to 18 degrees on Good Friday. On Easter Monday the temperature rose to 75 degrees. From then on till the 23rd it was dry. The 24th and 25th we had 2 inches of rain with temperature in the low 40's on the morning of the 26th. The mornings of the 29th and 30th the temperature was at 27 and 30 with frost. We had very good growing weather, but the frost was hard on the sweet corn and peas that are up.

Centre Co., Pennsylvania, by David B. Stoltzfus

April was quite warm with approximately 5 inches of rain, half of which fell in the beginning of the month and over 2 inches on the 23rd and 24th. The middle two weeks were quite warm for the horses in the field and it was getting dry. The last week was cooler and sometimes rainy with frost especially on the 30th when the temperature dipped to 25. The mountains have a green shine but most of the trees are not yet in full leaf. Some oats are up, plowing is nearly completed, and some corn is planted.

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania, by Catherine M. Swarey

April was a real spring like month. We had snow flurries on the 6th, the highest temperature was in the low 90's and high 80's. We had 4.1 inches of rainfall. Wheat fields and pasture look real nice and green. Oats are sowed and some are up already. Some corn is planted. We had a hard frost on the 29th and some garden things froze, the fruit trees are probably nipped. The strawberries are blooming and some of those are frozen too. Early garden vegetables, lettuce, onions and peas look nice.

Snyder Co., Pennsylvania, by Sam N. Troyer

On the 3rd we had 1.6 inches then it didn't rain till the 23rd. It got quite dry and nice to sow oats and get ready for corn. We had about 3.6 inches altogether. The coldest was on the 9th when we had 20 degrees in the morning. Some are planting corn. The morning of the 29th we had frost.

The average temperature for the past four months were as follows: January - 10 degrees, February - 23 degrees, March 34.6 degrees, and April - 43 degrees.

Juniata Co., Pennsylvania, by David Y. Renno

April had a variety of weather; wet and dry, hot and cold. 41/2 inches of rain fell all in a few days time. We had many hot winds with temperature in the 90's, which dried off fast. The last 2 mornings we had a hard frost. Fruit farmers say there will not be much fruit. Cherries and peaches were hurt last winter already by the sub zero weather, and now this cold spell in blossom time. The trees on high ground will have some big spots. There is new growth on asparagus, grapes and potatoes froze off completely. Farmers are well on with plowing, and the oats are all in the ground.

Perry Co., Pennsylvania, by Elmer F. Fisher

The weather for the month of April was rainy and wet the first week and the next two weeks we had real nice weather. It was quite warm for April and was getting a little dry till the 23rd when we had a thunder shower and rain the following day. Farmers were busy plowing and a lot of oats have been sowed this spring. Some have planted early corn due to the hot and dry weather. Grass and hay crops look promising for this time of the year.

Adams Co., Pennsylvania, by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

We had heavy rains the first part of April and again on the 23rd and 24th with some April showers throughout the month. We had a total of 7.3 inches of rain. We had warm weather during the middle of the month with freezing temperatures at Eastertime and again at the end of the month. It looks like the grapes were frozen and some of the strawberries. Barley and orchard grass is in heads, early gardens look nice. Onions, radishes, rhubarb, asparagus and lettuce are on the menu. Farmers were busy plowing and sowing oats the week of the 10th and 17th and oat fields are getting green. The last week in April was too wet for farming.

Oakland, Maryland, by Mrs. Atlee Hershberger
In March we had a lot of nice spring like weather except on the 22nd when we had a real snow blizzard which lasted only one day. The next day it was nice and sunny but about evening we had a few flurries again. April 5 - 7 we again had some snow, but it didn't last long like in wintertime. The first few days after Easter were nice and sunny again.

St. Mary's Co., Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus
We had an early spring this year as far as ground work is concerned. The ground worked nice through all March and April. But April was starting to get dry. We received over 1.5 inches the first week then it got cold with frost a few days. It was 26 on the 8th, 24 on the 9th, and again 26 on the 10th. On Easter Monday, the 11th, it warmed up to 85 degrees, the next few days remained warm which dried the land fast. We then had no rain till the 24th, when we got a half inch from severe looking clouds. Four days later it rained .4. A lot of corn was planted early, and some is up. Spring oats look promising. We had a light frost on the 30th.

Somerset Co., Pennsylvania, by Abe S. Kinsinger
In April we had a total of about 4 inches of rain, with some real nice warm days, and also some cold ones. The week of Good Friday it was down to 16 degrees one morning. The 3rd week was real warm with some children going barefooted. Then the last couple of days we had several hard frosts which froze some apple blossoms and also potatoes that are up. The oats are nearly all sown. But there are still a lot of fences to fix as the snow plows were real hard on them last winter.

Crawford Co., Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Fisher
The beginning of April was cold with snow several days, and the middle of the month was quite warm with temperatures in the 70's and 80's. The latter part was colder with some rainy days. We had frosts on the 27th and 29th. Farmers are still plowing and a few have sowed oats. Early garden vegetables are up and growing well.

Norfolk, New York, by Jerry T. Schwartz
We had unusually nice spring weather during April We had less rainfall enabling farmers to get in the fields earlier. Some are about ready to start planting corn. Hay is plentiful through this area with prices as low as $.50 a bale.

Geauga Co., Ohio, by Mrs. Eli Wengerd
The first 2 weeks we had sunny, snowy and rainy days. The middle of the month was very warm and sunny. We had rain again for 6 days from the 22nd to the 28th. A lot of plowing is done and oats are in, also early gardens are being planted.

Holmes Co., Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder
The weather for April was pretty much on the dry side, but by the latter part of the month we had some good rains. Oats are mostly sown and some are still plowing for corn. We are having cool nights with some frosts. We had a very hard frost on the 29th, some strawberries are blooming. A lot of gardens have been made and early things are eatable. Quite a few mushrooms have been found. Parochial schools have mostly closed for the season.

South Eastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder
We had good growing weather in the month of April. The oats are all sowed, wheat and grass fields are a lush green. There is no corn planted yet, and some corn ground is still to be plowed. Fruit trees are in full bloom. The two last mornings in April we had a hard frost, but do not know what damage it did to the fruit trees. Pig prices are still good, hog prices advanced a little, cattle are about the same.

Eastern Holmes Co., by Raymond S. Weaver
The first few days of April we had rain with occasional snow squalls. The ground was covered with snow on the morning of the 6th, and on the 8th the ground was frozen. This was followed by a warm pleasant period of about 2 weeks. The last week we had quite a bit of rain. The rains have revived pastures and wheat leaving everything nice and green. The oats are in the ground in our section and even some corn.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager
We had lots of nice warm weather in April. It was rather on the dry side until after the 20th it started to rain. By Monday we had one inch, and another 1/2 inch on the 28th which puts plenty of moisture in the ground.

Farmers are nearly finished sowing oats, finishing up plowing and some are working corn ground. Some farmers have their cows out on pasture while others are just ready to turn them out. Pasture and hay fields look very good. Hog prices are heading up again. Feeder pigs are high. Good draft horses are in strong demand.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver
April has been about normal weather wise. We had several good rains, and a heavy frost on the 28th. Most of the oats are sown but very little are up yet. A few farmers have planted corn, mostly to be first I guess. Usually corn planted the first 10 days in May produces the best in our area. The pig prices have been strong and they expect hogs to be 5 - 8 dollars higher in July and August. Over the last 20 years hogs have been profitable 3 out of 4 years, and cattle 1 out of 4. I saw where a farmer recently said he has to raise hogs, so he has money to feed his cattle.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber
April has been a month of record setting sunshine. Farmers have most of their plowing done and some even have corn planted. Wheat is really growing and hay looks nice. We had one record high for one day of 86 degrees that broke the old record of 81 degrees on the 18th.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich
The weather predictions were for a wet April, but it was probably dryer than usual, and we had some real warm weather too. Farmers are busy with the usual spring work. Some are still sowing oats and getting corn ground ready. Mushrooms are in season. These are the morels and are mostly found among the quaking asp tree. They are very good eating. We've noticed several pairs of of Martins back for the summer.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber
For the month of April we had 15 nice sunshiny days, with a light snow on the 5th and 7th and colder with about 3 inches of rain on the 23rd - 25th. We had a high temperature of 83 on the 11th. Light frost on the 28th - 30th, but no harm to the fruit trees. Most of the oats were sowed on the 11th - 13th and is looking good. Some corn was planted the last week of April.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber
The month started in rather cool turning warmer toward the middle of the month. It was extremely warm with temperature in the 80's for about a full week. It turned cooler again towards the end of the month with two hard frosts. There was plenty of moisture for the most part. Vegetation is way ahead of schedule, unless more frosts will hold it back. More and more corn is being planted in April and lots of acreage is being planted to beans. People are contracting for over $10 a bu. The way this sounds we'll probably have to look for a cheaper source of protein.

Branch Co., Michigan, by Mrs. Noah N. Schwartz
April has been a fairly dry month until the last week when we had several rainy cool days. We had several warm days of 80 and 90 degrees. A very hard frost on the 29 with a reading of 26 degrees. The oats are in the ground.

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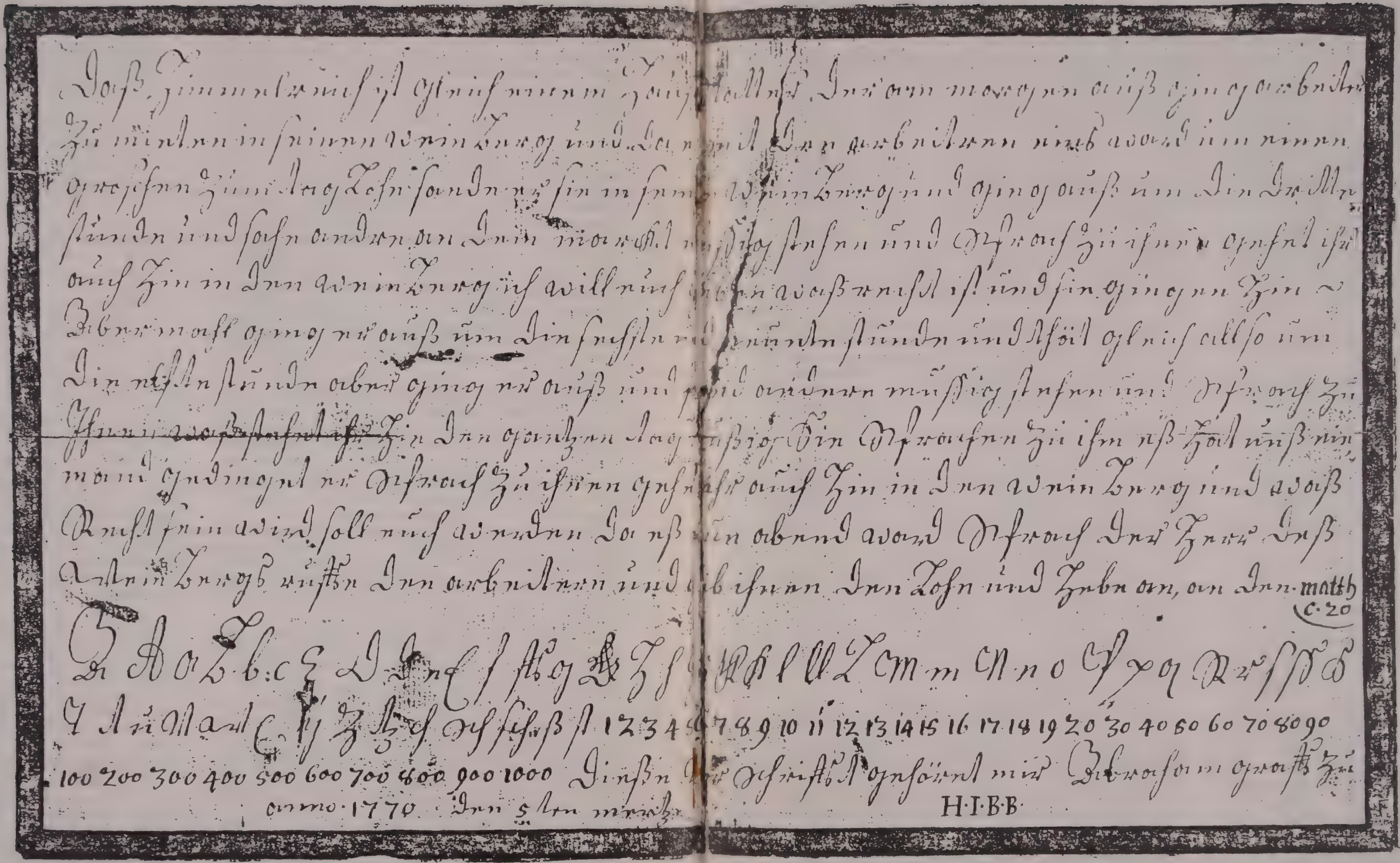

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Allen Co., Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

April was a nice spring month although on the 5th and 6th we still had snow blizzards, but the snow soon left. We had some frosts, especially on the 27th, but it didn't seem to do much damage. We also had quite a lot of rain. Some fields of corn were planted.

LaGrange Co., Indiana, by Anna S. Eash

April's weather was changeable at times but very pleasant mostly. The first week was quite nice and warm. The week before Easter we had snow and cloudy. Good Friday was a very pleasant day and then it warmed up and was nice and warm. We had our stoves turned off for a few weeks. On the 24th it turned colder and the heat felt good, but it warmed up again. It turned colder again and on the morning of the 29th we had a hard frost, but it warmed up in the lower 70's. Fruit trees bloomed so nicely and we hope they were not damaged as hopefully they were far enough along. Most gardens are planted. We are taking advantage of the lovely rhubarb. The men are busy getting crops in. The alfalfa is a lush green and growing fast. We had some real nice rains on the 26th and 27th.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

April was an average month, but not as wet as it some years is. We had 2.6 inches of rain, and the most we had at any one time was 1/2 inch. We had quite a bit of warm weather of around 80 degrees, the warmest was 86 on the 18th, and the lowest was 23 on the 6th and also the 9th. The oats were about all sowed early and fields look nice and green, wheat, clover and alfalfa fields look real good. Some corn has been planted strawberries have been blooming and also the fruit trees, we had frost on the 26th, a hard frost with a little ice on the 29th, and another one on the 30th. I hope it didn't hurt the fruit too much, most people had their strawberries covered up. There were 13 days of all sunshine and 6 solid cloudy days. Some garden things and early potatoes have been planted.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Ivan J. Gingerich

The weather for April was warmer than usual and we had less rain. We had a few showers the first part and then a good two weeks of dry and sometimes humid weather. The humid days were usually cloudy which helped a lot on the moisture part. Within the last two weeks of the month we received 1.5 inches of rain, which all came in a slow easy drizzle. The trees were fully leaved, fruit trees were blooming and most strawberry patches, when we received a hard frost on the 28th and again some on the 29th. A few early farmers had corn up, but I think most of it will probably grow out again. The last week farmers were busy planting corn and women were planting more garden things.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

The weather was mostly cool and windy with a wide variety of temperature ranging from 30 to 92 degrees. Some days it was rather windy and a few rainy days of about 2 inches of rain. There is still a little plowing to be done. Lots of corn has been planted, and is coming up and looking good. Most of the trees were leaved out well but the freeze on the 29th changed the color a bit on some of the fruit trees. The grapes were hurt the worst.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

The weather was very favorable in April. The corn is all planted except what will have to wait until after silo filling, which is in full swing now. Rainfall totaled 4.5 inches for the month. Wheat is $2.50, corn $2.60 and beans $10.00 per bu.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

The last part of April was probably some warmer than average. The low was 32 degrees and the high was 84, rainfall totaled 4.5 inches. A lot of corn is planted and is up, but there is still a lot to plant. Peppers are being planted. The gardens look nice and strawberries are ripe. I even noticed where a field of alfalfa was cut and put in. Feeder pig and old sow prices are high again.

Webster Co., Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

This was a productive month, with the moisture content about right. Our biggest rain was the second to last week with about 5 inches. Potatoes and other garden things are up and growing. This is the month when the haying starts; alfalfa, broom and orchard grass.

It looks like the Amish of this community may get to sell milk again, with the milk company owning the milk house, bulk tank, electricity etc. The first milk house is up. Each neighborhood is to place one centrally within a group and haul in twice a day.

We are having little ducklings coming out, 2 hatched, 3 more setting, and another one setting on 12 red turkey eggs. Hog prices are up a little at $38.75 the last week of April, feed prices are up too. Our eggs sell for 60 cents a doz., cheese at $1.10 per lb.

Marshfield, Missouri, by Reuben Yoder

April was warm and dry, on the 5th it was 32 with a few snow flurries, then it warmed up to 50 degrees nights and 80 in the daytime. The third week we had light and scattered showers totaling less than 2 inches. Hay and pasture are short due to dry weather. Haymaking has started early, strawberries are starting to ripen and gardens look beautiful.

Jamesport, Missouri, Amos W. Yoder

We had 2.5 inches of rain the last half of April. Strawberries are blooming. Alfalfa is about knee high already. Corn which was planted the middle of the month is up, and rows can be seen through fields already. Corn planting is not finished yet.

Audrian, Co., Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

April was more on the dry side, till the latter part of the month, when we had several good rains amounting to about 2 inches. On the 1st, we had another 2 inches. Some corn is planted. Grass, hay, wheat and oats look nice, some have lettuce and radishes to eat. Milk prices went up 20 cents recently, and is now $8.25 on 3.5 test. Our last freeze was on the 5th.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

April was a little on the dry, cool side, yet by the 20th the oak leaves grew out to the size of a squirrels foot, which is unusually early. We had snow flurries the 5th, a light frost the 25th and 26th, and 1.5 to 2 inches of rain the week of the 18th with a light shower on the 30th. Corn planting started around the 15th. Many non-amish farmers were finished by the end of the month, but the Amish have just started. The bean market rose to $10 per bu. by the end of the month.

Reno Co., Kansas, by Edward A. Mast

April was quite pleasant with frequent showers, mostly scattered with very little rain. After a dry and dormant winter most things are responding well to the moisture. Wheat is starting to head. Alfalfa looks good, but isn't ready to cut yet. With the wheat price so low most dairymen are putting wheat in the silo.

Haven Reno Co., Kansas, by Mrs. Enos E. Schrock

We had some real nice rains this month, field crops and gardens look promising. If it doesn't frost any more this spring it looks like a good year for fruit.

Buchanan Co., Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder
We had around 3 inches of rain for the month of April. 2 inches of snow on the 5th and a few light frosts around the 25, but no damage. We've had nice growing weather, and everything seems a few weeks earlier than usual. The plowing is mostly finished and lots of corn is planted. Apple trees are nearly finished blooming.

Bloomfield, Iowa, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder
Lots of nice warm days were enjoyed throughout most of the month. It was unusually dry until the week of the 17th when around 2 inches fell in different showers. Lots of field work was done plus some corn planted before the rains and afterwards. Most early garden things are up and doing well, which were planted the week of the 10th. Several new houses, sheds, a furrowing house and a barn are going up in the community. The very last of April was nice but unusually cool with a touch of frost one morning.

Johnson Co., Iowa, BY Eli S. Bontrager
Spring seems to be coming earlier than usual, however, it has been cool again the last several days. The temperature was at 28 the 29th which nipped some early garden things, and could possibly get some of the early planted corn. I saw a big field of corn several days ago, 30 or 40 mile south of here, that was up nice. Corn planting was in full swing this last week, we had a good rain again a week ago, and could use some more again, as we are still low in sub-moisture.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger
The weather for April was mostly mild with a few scattered showers amounting to 2 or 3 inches. We also had a few inches of wet snow which melted slow helping the moisture situation. Hay and oat fields look good and a few fields of corn were planted in the last week by non-amish.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.
April showers brought much needed moisture, measuring 4.24 inches. The heaviest rainfall came on the 12th measuring 1.6 inches. The warmest day was on the 10th when the mercury went up to 81 degrees, the lowest was 16 on the 5th and 7th. Much spring plowing was being done. The men are busy finishing up with putting oats in the ground, and the women are planting garden.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller
April was nice and warm, with a few very much appreciated rains. We had quite a few frosty mornings, but warm during the day. Pastures and hayfields are green Oats are sown and some corn is planted. Lilacs are in bloom which is quite early. Some gardens are planted and coming up.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler
April was warmer than average. We had enough moisture to really green things up. It rained on the first, and we had 8 inches of snow on the 4th. The ground wasn't frozen so most of it soaked in. We also had rain on the 18th and the 21st. The coldest for the month was 10 above on the 5th. It was in the 80's several days, which made it warm for horses in the field. Most of the oats are sowed and some corn is planted.

Evansville, Wisconsin, by John R. Yutzy
April was a nice spring month with 4 different showers amounting to 4 inches. The oats were mostly planted the first two weeks and are looking nice now. Corn planting is underway. It looks like most hay made it real good through the cold winter. Most of the plowing is completed. Some cows are being turned out on pasture. We could use some more rain again as the subsoil was dry from last year, but we have moisture over 4 foot down at the present. With the price of soybeans over $10, Wisconsin farmers are planning to plant more. Those that raise peas for canning factories have them planted and most of them are up nice.

Utica, Minnesota, by Atlee J. Shetler
The first week of April the temperature was in the 20's, but the next two weeks it warmed up. The last week the temperature dropped again. The oats are up and some corn is in. We had a few good showers.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss H. Stutzman
The first 6 days seemed like March weather, with rain, snow and wind. It warmed up till the middle of April it was 85 degrees for 2 days. Pastures and lawns greened up. Plowing was done and most of the oats were sowed by the last of the month. Gardens were also planted, and cows turned out to pasture. The latter part of the month was dry.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock Sr.
Our weather was nice in April and we had some nice rains and a little snow, but it melted soon. We had a lot of nice springlike days. The coldest morning was 22 degrees and the warmest 58. The warmest during the day was 86. Some field work started in March, and a lot is being done in April, but at times its been too wet. Some corn has been planted. The grass is growing, and gardens are being planted. Cattle are still selling good, hogs seem a little lower, and eggs are around 50 cents.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer
The first part of the month was cool. We had some snow on the 6th and 7th. It was cool over Easter and warmed up on the 11th and on the 12 it was 80 degrees. People started with seeding the week of the 18th. It was warm and rained nearly all day on the 22nd and 23rd. It was cool over that Sunday and nearly all week. We had frost on the 28th and 29th.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman
April was a nice springlike month with much of the plowing being done and some oats sowed. It was getting dry, but then we had a 2 day rain on the 22nd and 23rd, which was needed even if it slowed up field work for nearly a week.

St. Mary's, Ontario, by Abe Hochstetler
April was normal spring with the snow melting without any serious flooding in our area. Some grain was sowed the week of the 18th. We had heavy rains on the 22nd and 23rd, but resumed field work the last few days of the month. The oak leaves and hard maple are starting to show.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Mrs. Edward Gingerich
We sill had a few snowflakes in April yet on several days. It was also unusually warm for awhile so that all the birds and flies etc. returned. Later in the month it cooled off and threatened to rain quite often, but we received very little. This caused pastures to be short for this time of year. Because of not much rain a large part of the oats are sown.

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE MILLER FAMILY OF SHILLINGTON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

The youngest of the children of Christian and Sarah (Miller) Nisley was (313) Mary Nisley (114), born in 1830, died in 1905, married to Jackson Knepp. He was a Catholic and later joined the Amish Church in Holmes County, Ohio. They had lived in Hickory County, Missouri, and then moved to Daviess County, Indiana, where they died. To this union were born thirteen children. The writer is not very well acquainted with this family but will give the marriage of some of them, (314) Sarah Knepp (313), married to Peter R. Graber, Daviess County, Indiana; (315) Joseph Knepp (313), born in 1853, married to Anna Witmer, they at one time were at Fairview, Michigan; (316) Anna Knepp, born in 1855, married to Jacob Witmer, Daviess County; (317) Elizabeth Knepp (313), born in 1857, married to Bishop Peter Wagler, Daviess County; (318) Mary Knepp (313), born in 1858, married to Christian Wagler of Daviess County. One of their children, Joseph Wagler, married to Sarah Lengacher, they in turn were the parents of David Wagler of the Pathway Publishing House at Aylmer, Ontario, but now of Bloomfield, Iowa. (319) John Knepp (313), married to Lizzie Delagrange, Daviess County; (320) Lydia Knepp (313), born in 1882, married to John C. Wagler, Daviess County; (321) Saloma Knepp (313), married to Jacob Graber, Mylo, North Dakota; (322) Amanda Knepp (313), married to Elias Miller, Allen County; (323) Catherine Knepp (313), married to Samuel J. Graber; (324) Abraham Knepp (313), born in 1869, married to Anna Brandanberger, Daviess County; (325) Peter Knepp (313), born in 1876, married to Mary Gingerich, Kingsdown, Kansas.

The second child of Abraham and Anna (Hochstetler) Miller is (326) Christian Miller (113), who died in the vicinity of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1856; he was married to Magdalena Zug, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Long) Zug of Somerset County. They had six known children—namely, (327) Moses Miller (326), born in 1811, died in 1856, married to Catherine Friday, second to Catherine Pfeil. They moved from Upper Somerset County to Aurora, West Virginia, where they raised most of their family. (328) Barbara Miller (326), married to Jonas Maust, the youngest son of Joseph Maust, or Mast. This family is mostly with the Mennonite and Amish Mennonite Churches. (329) Leah Miller (326), married to Joseph Miller. They had six children, being of the Dunkard, Mennonite, and Holdeman Churches. (330) Mary Miller (326), born in 1818, died in 1880, married to John Pfeil of Upper Somerset County. (331) Solomon C. Miller (326), born in 1819, died in 1902, married to Barbara Schrock, daughter of Jacob Schrock. They moved from Somerset County, Pennsylvania, to Nappanee, Indiana, and had children living in Oregon, Washington, and California. (332) Benjamin Miller (326), born in 1825, died in 1888, married to Elizabeth Meyers. They had eleven children, were later of the Lutheran Faith, and resided in the vicinity of Johnstown and Hollsopple, Pennsylvania. (333) Christian Miller (326), died in 1907, married to Elizabeth Meyers, he was better known as Dr. Christian Miller of Northern Somerset County, where they had eleven children and were of the Church of the Brethren Faith.

(334) Daniel Miller (113), born in 1794, died in 1835, married to Maria Mast, daughter of Joseph Mast. Their children are (335) Joseph D. Miller (334), married to Nancy Yoder of Missouri. (336) Yost Miller (334), born in 1818, married to Rosanna Eppley of Goshen, Indiana. (337) Samuel Miller (334), born in 1820, died in 1900, married to Francis Bomgartner of Emma, Indiana. (338) Abraham D. Miller (334), born in 1823, died in 1904, married to Leah Gnagy of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. (339) Sarah Miller (334), born in 1825, married to Benedict Yoder, son of John and Barbara Yoder of Somerset County. They were of the Amish Mennonite Faith but it appears that none of the children were. A son, Simon T. Yoder, was at one time vice-president and director of the First National Bank of Washington, Kansas. (340) Daniel D. Miller (334), born in 1829, died in 1911, married to Anna Kauffman. They were Amish Mennonite and at one time lived at Thomas, Oklahoma. There may be some of these descendants with the Amish but I'm not sure. (341) Catherine Miller (334), born in 1831, died in 1903, married to Jacob Gary, born in France and lived in Wayne County, Ohio.

The next child of Abraham and Anna Hochstetler is (342) Catherine Miller (113), born in 1796, died in 1849 at Berlin, Pennsylvania. She became the second wife of Minister and Bishop Christian Yoder Jr. of Somerset County. Christian Yoder Jr. had married his first wife, Elizabeth Miller, in 1810, daughter of Bishop Smith Christian Miller, and when she died he married in 1816 to the above mentioned Catherine Miller. There is a very large offspring of this family in the Amish churches throughout the states at the present time. There were at least two children from his first wife—namely, Barbara Yoder, married to Joseph Borntrager who was among the first four Amish families to move to Middlebury, Indiana, where he was ordained deacon. The other child by Christian Yoder's first wife was Lydia Yoder, married to Daniel Nissley. See No. (142) of this article in the January issue. Tradition says that three ministers and bishops named Christian Yoder lived in the Glades, or Brothers Valley, in Somerset County and are buried along the south side of, or partly under, the present Pennsylvania Turnpike, about two or three miles west of the Allegheny Tunnel. (343) David C. Yoder (342), born in 1817, died in 1887, married to Susan Miller, daughter of Christian and Susan (Moser) Miller. Their oldest daughter, (344) Polly Yoder (343), married to John Roes and moved to Canada. (345) Rachel Yoder (343), born in 1840, married to Joseph Stutzman, son of Jacob and Fanny (Lehman) Stutzman. They were of Middlebury, Indiana, and nine children were born to them. (346) Daniel J. Stutzman (345), of

Nappanee, born in 1863, married to Elizabeth Hochstetler, daughter of David and Magdalena (Hochstetler) Hochstetler. I will mention a few of their children, (347) Susan Stutzman (346), married to John J. Mast of Middlebury, Indiana, their daughter, Fannie Mast, is married to Milton Yoder, also of Middlebury; (348) Fanny Stutzman (346), married to Jonathan Hochstetler, Middlebury, Indiana; (349) Jeremiah Stutzman (346), Oelwine, Iowa, married first to Lydia Schrock, from this marriage there were two children, (350) Mary Stutzman (349), married to Mose P. Yoder of Kalona, Iowa, and Harvey Stutzman, married to Elizabeth Ropp of Apple Creek, Ohio. Jeremiah married his second wife, Ida Gingerich, daughter of Jacob J. Gingerich, of Apple Creek, Ohio. To this union were born eight children. While writing this article and taking a few minutes off to read the Budget of April 20th I glanced over the obituaries and found one of the youngest daughter of this family, (352) Rachel Stutzman (349), wife of Mose Bontrager of Kalona, Iowa. Another one well-known to the writer is Widower (353) Jacob Stutzman (349) of Dover, Delaware, who had been married to Polly Yoder, daughter of the late Minister Aaron Yoder. They both moved to Delaware from Ford County, Kansas. (354) Levi J. Stutzman (349), married to Lizzie Schrock, Hutchinson, Kansas. (355) Joseph Stutzman (349), married to Emily Miller of Kansas. (356) Edward Stutzman (349), married to Lizzie Schlabach of Middlebury, Indiana.

(357) Valentine D. Yoder (343), married to Magdalena Miller, daughter of Christian and Catherine (Mast) Miller of Haven, Kansas; (358) Catherine Yoder (343), born in 1843, married to Moses Stutzman of Somerset County, German Baptist Church; (359) Levi D. Yoder (343), born in 1844, married to Catherine Lehman of Parnell, Iowa; (360) David D. Yoder (343), married to Fannie Miller of Kansas; (361) Jacob D. Yoder (343), married to Sarah Yoder of Conway, Kansas; (362) Susan Yoder (343), born in 1849, married to Valentine Lehman of Somerset County; (363) Jeremiah Yoder (343), married to Elizabeth Christner, they at one time lived in Haven, Kansas; (364) Tobias Yoder (343), born in 1853, married to Mary Ann Troyer, daughter of Jeremiah Troyer. Their daughter, (365) Lizzie Yoder (364), married to Rudolph Bontrager, whose daughter, Mary Bontrager, married to the well-known minister, David K. Bontrager of Haven, Kansas. (366) Anna Yoder (343), born in 1855, married in Johnson County, Iowa, to Jacob Petersheim, son of John and Sarah (Marner) Petersheim. Anna (Yoder) Petersheim died in 1937, Jacob Petersheim died in 1932, both are buried in the Amish Cemetery, one and one half miles east of Yoder, Kansas. He was ordained to the ministry in the Amish Church and they were the parents of nine children. Jacob Petersheim was the progenitor of most of the western Petersheim families and I will mention a few of them. Their son, (367) Levi J. Petersheim (366), married to Millie Mullet, was a minister at Hazleton, Iowa. There were four of his sons in the ministry, (368) Benedict Petersheim (367) is minister and Bishop at McIntire, Mitchell County, Iowa; (369) Jake L. Petersheim (367) is bishop at Clark, Missouri; (370) Levi L. Petersheim (367) was bishop at Hazleton, Iowa, as well as his brother, Joni L. Petersheim.

There are two grandsons of the above mentioned Jacob Petersheim in the ministry—namely, David Petersheim is deacon at Wolcottville, Indiana, and Jacob D. Petersheim is bishop at Topeka. A granddaughter, Susie Plank, is married to Simon L. Hostetler who is minister and bishop at Jamesport, Missouri. A great-granddaughter of Jacob Petersheim, Edna Fern Miller, is married to Amzie Troyer who is minister and bishop at LaGrange County, Indiana. (370) Samuel D. Yoder (343), born in 1856 in Somerset County, married to Mary Ash.

(371) Christian Yoder (342), born in 1819, died in 1902, married to Catherine Hershberger, they at one time were in McPherson County, Kansas, but the children moved back to Elkhart County and LaGrange County, Indiana. A grandson, Dr. Albert Christian Yoder, graduated from Indiana State Normal School and also from Rush Medical College in 1902. These Yoder's were mostly of the more liberal churches.

(372) Magdalena Yoder (342), born in 1821 in Somerset County, married to Joseph C. Yoder and lived at Middlebury, Indiana. The descendants of this family were in Elkhart County and LaGrange County, Indiana, at Gardon City, Missouri, and at West Liberty, Ohio, being mostly affiliated with the Mennonite Church.

(373) Catherine Yoder (342), born in 1825 in Somerset County, married by her father, Bishop Christian Yoder to John Johns, son of Joseph and Anna (Blough) Johns of Davidsville, Pennsylvania. These descendants were in Oklahoma, Indiana, and Fairview, Michigan, being also affiliated with the Mennonite Church.

(374) Elizabeth Yoder (342), born in 1827, married to Samuel Beachey, son of Jonas and Sarah (Gnagey) Beachey. There is a very large offspring of this family throughout the States and I will try to mention a few, (375) Christian Beachy (374), married to Sarah Hershberger, born in 1848, they had thirteen children and lived in Elklick, Somerset County, where he was a minister. (376) Catherine S. Beachy (374), born in 1852, married to Elias Miller, they were at Grantsville, Maryland; (377) Solomon Beachy (374), born in 1855, married to Susan Miller, they were with the group who settled near Bealeton in Fauquire County, Virginia, in 1890 or 1891, from there they moved to Garnett, Kansas; (378) David Beachy (374), born in 1855, married to Lydia Miller they had thirteen children and were with the Amish Church at Arthur, Illinois; (379) Noah S. Beachy (374), married to Catherine Plank at Arthur, Illinois and later lived at Haven, Kansas; (380) Jonas S. Beachy (374), born in 1860, married to Fanny Miller they at one time were at Plain City, Ohio. I do not know very much about this family except for a man by the name of Max Miller, a deaf, who visited us several times and said he was a grandson of the abovemen-

tioned Jonas Beachy. (381) Cornelius Beachy (374), born in 1862, married to Magdalena Swartzentruber. They at one time lived at Plain City, Ohio, and were also one of the first ones to settle near Bealeton, Virginia, in about 1890, where he was ordained to the ministry and after about a ten or twelve year stay they moved to Grantsville, Maryland. Their oldest daughter, Ida Beachy, married to John Eash of Shipshewana, Indiana, and they, in turn, were the parents of Katie, wife of Dan Hochstetler of Topeka and Neal Eash of Shipshewana. (382) Lydia Beachy (374), born in 1864, married to Daniel J. Swartzentruber of Grantsville. (383) Daniel S. Beachy (374), born in 1866, married to Amanda S. Miller. (384) Susanna Beachy (374), born in 1869, married to Christian I. Swartzentruber, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hershberger) Swartzentruber. They also moved with the first settlers to Bealeton, Fauquire County, Virginia, where he was ordained to the ministry the same day as his brother-in-law, Cornelius Beachy. They also had lived at Norfolk, Virginia, and at Grantsville, Maryland. They had eleven children one of which is Minister Norman Swartzentruber of Dover, Delaware.

(385) Sarah Yoder (342), born in 1829, died in 1867, married to Frederick Swartzentruber, born in 1825 in Waldeck, Germany, died in 1895, son of Jacob and Barbara (Esch) Swartzentruber of Sharon Center, Iowa. Records give it that Jacob was the first bishop of the Amish Church in Johnson County, and his sons, Joseph and Frederick, were bishops of the same church. They had eleven children born to them who mostly resided in Iowa.

(386) Reuben Yoder (342), born in 1831 in Somerset County, married to Harriet Riehl, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Balser) Riehl. They had nine children, mostly in Indiana, and were affiliated with the Mennonite and Brethren Churches.

(387) Rebecca Yoder (342), born in 1833 in Somerset County, married to Samuel J. Schrock, son of Joseph and Catherine (Sivits) Schrock of Shipshewana, Indiana. They had eight children about which the writer knows very little.

The youngest of the children of Bishop Christian Yoder Jr. was (388) Delila Yoder (342), born in 1841, married to Peter Kinsinger, no children were born to this union.

We will again go back to the fourth child of Pre. Abraham and Anna (Hostetler) Miller of No. 113. (389) Magdalena Miller (113), born in 1799 in Somerset County, died in 1871, married to Jacob Mast, as his second wife. Children are (390) Abraham Mast (386), the Hostetler Book refers to him as Doctor and also names him as a minister of the Amish Church of Walnut Creek, Ohio. He married to Anna Beachy and they were the parents of eighteen children of which several died young.

(391) Susan Mast (389), married to William Miller, and had one son who died single, she married her second husband, John Christner.

(392) Catherine Mast (389), married to Christian Miller, son of Henry and Anna (Lehman) Miller of Middlebury, Indiana. Children are (393) Anna Miller (392), born in 1849, married to Manasse Miller of Middlebury, Indiana, a son, Moses M. Miller, was a minister of that place. (394) Jacob C. Miller (392), born in 1853, married to Elizabeth Bontrager, born in 1854, daughter of John J. and Fanny (Kauffman) Bontrager, their children are (395) Anna Miller (394), married to Menno G. Stoltzfus of Lancaster County, the parents of Nicholas Stoltzfus who was ordained minister at Aylmer, Ontario, and is now living at.... (396) John Miller (394) of Mio, Michigan, married first to Lydia Yoder, second to Sarah E. Miller. (397) Millie Miller (394), born in 1878, married to Joseph R. Stutzman, they had lived at Darlow, Kansas, but their children were mostly in Mio, Michigan. (398) Amanda Miller (394), born in 1882, she was the second wife of the late well-known Bishop Eli J. Bontrager of Shipshewana, Indiana. (399) Christian Miller (394), married to Della Miller of Fairview, Michigan. (400) Mary Miller (394), married to John Gascho, son of Bishop Jacob Gascho. (401) Delilia Miller (394), married to Eli Hershberger. (402) Noah C. Miller (392), born in 1863, married to Mary Weirich of Mio, Michigan. (403) Moses C. Miller (392), born in 1850, married to Elizabeth Yoder of Yoder, Kansas. (404) Christian C. Miller (392) of Yoder, Kansas, married to Polly Plank. (405) Joseph C. Miller (392) of Reinert, Kansas, married to Polly Weirich. (406) Rachel Mast (389, born in 1827, married to Benedict Miller, son of Jonathan and Magdalena (Kauffman) Miller. This family seems to be mostly in Holmes County, Ohio, with some at Hubbard, Oregon, and a few in Illinois, being affiliated with the Mennonite Church.

(407) Noah Mast (389), born in 1829, died in 1899, married to Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller of Sugarcreek, Ohio. Noah was a minister and member of the Mennonite Church, also most of their children.

(408) Sarah Mast (389), married to David Stutzman, son of Jacob and Sarah (Garver) Stutzman. To this union were born fifteen children. They moved from Holmes County, Ohio, to Nebraska in the vicinity of Wood River, Milford, and Lexington.

(409) Maria Mast (389), married to Jacob J. Miller, son of Jonathan Miller of Middlebury, Indiana.

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN

In the first part of September 1960 one afternoon just as we finished cutting apples in preparation to cook apple butter the next day, a telephone call came for us to come to Parkview Hospital immediately in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, 45 miles from our home. Our son David, who lives northeast of Ft. Wayne in Dekalb County, had fallen off of a barn roof, he and some other men were reroofing. Two men fell when a rope broke loose holding the scaffold, while three men were on the scaffold. One of the three caught hold of the rope and climbed up on the roof. The other two fell thirty feet down on solid concrete. Dave, our son was one of the two who fell. When the owner of the barn saw them fall, he immediately called for two ambulances, thinking they both may be dead or needing help badly.

When the first ambulance came the man who fell with Dave, sat up saying, "Take Dave, I'm O. K." He had no broken limbs but a severs bump on his head, causing a blood clot on his brain, and died five days later. Why he wasn't knocked out at the time no one could know.

Dave was completely out, hardly breathing; we didn't know how long he may live. He was taken care of as soon as he arrived at the hospital. His right arm was shattered at the wrist, his right leg was badly broken up above the knee into the hip in different breaks. His whole right side was in bad shape.

The first thing the doctors did, was put his arm in a cast to hold the bones intact, till they would know what circumstances might bring or if there would be any chance for his recovery, as he was so critical. He didn't seem to have much chance. They put him in the intensive care ward and did for him all in man's power to do. The rest was up to God, if He wants him to get well. He laid there so banged up; his right eye swollen shut, barely breathing for a few days. We were with his wife, Mary, in the hospital the first few days. All we could do was leave it to God's will, what He does is well done. In a few days Dave began to moan. Oh! what a sweet sound to my ears, as this was a sign of life and feeling coming back. And we knew God would help him bear the pains.

Dave and Mary had three small daughters at the time. Mary had just put them to bed for their afternoon nap, when someone came to take her and Mrs. Simon Graber to the hospital, informing them of the accident that befell their husbands. Mary hurriedly took the little girls up from their nap; Arlene, the baby was about 6 months old; Joanna, nearly 3 years; and Priscilla, nearly 2. She dropped them off at her sister-in-law's place, and went for the hospital; not seeing these little girls again for several weeks. Mary's mother took them home to their place then, and helped take good care of them. They live close by but at the time weren't at home, so Mary called us to come as soon as we can. Our neighbor's boy took us with their car as we have no car. It was the fastest ride I ever had and still I thought we'd never get there, not knowing if we would find our son dead or alive for we knew where they were going to work. It was high barn and dangerous work.

The apple butter we were intending to cook the next day, was cooked and canned by some of the rest of the family. It was a new experience for them but turned out of the best we ever cooked.

Dave was in the intensive care ward a number of weeks, just hanging between life and death. It seemed even when unconscious, he was so determined to live and asked God for help even though his mind was hazy. His wife would hardly leave his side or was close by in the hospital. She so wanted him to pull through. I believe Dave felt this even though he was unconscious.

His right eye was so badly damaged that it was feared he would be blind (his eye is still crossed some). September the 19th was his 23rd birthday, and came up just when his mind at times rallied, my husband gave him a small bill for his birthday and asked him what it is. Dave looked at it for awhile then said the denomination of the bill. The nurse exclaimed about the fact that he could see and noted that this showed imporvement.

Some people thought since his mind was so slow in coming back to him, that even if he would pull through, his mind would never be the same as before. But we kept faith that if God wanted him to get well, He would heal the brain as well as his broken body. Seven good doctors or more took care of Dave, all trained in their field, and also well trained nurses were with him constantly.

When he was well enough to be moved out of the intensive care ward, they operated on his leg pinning the bones together with a steel rod(which he still carries) to keep them in place so that they could heal correctly. The bone specialist told us that after the leg is healed, they will have to do an operation on his arm, as the first x-ray showed a pulpy mass of crushed bones where the wrist was. The joint seemed completely destroyed. They said they would take a piece of bone out of his good leg and put it where the wrist is, bending it so he would be able to reach to his mouth without a wrist joint. With this in mind, Dave was finally released from the hospital and left to go home about seven weeks after the accident. His mind still wondered at times, but his memory was coming back real good, considering how badly he was hurt from the start. He still can't remember much of when he was in the hospital.

They had just bought a farm contract, and were stocking up with livestock. Mary's father took care of the farm till Dave could take over. Most of the milking cows were sold, but they kept a few so they would have milk for the family. The hogs were sold, the young cattle taken care of by someone else till Dave could take them home again. We didn't know if he would ever have much use of his right arm again or not. His leg was doing fine, but he was still in a wheelchair.

Dave's came and stayed with us until his appointment with the bone specialist came up. We took them in and my husband took him in the office, where they took his cast off of his arm and x-rayed it. The doctor seemed very surprised, he got out the first x-ray and compared them. He showed the pictures to my husband, and turning to Dave said, "You'll make a liar out of us doctors yet." While Dave lay unconscious and recuperating from his fall, a miracle had taken place. His arm bone had healed with all the pulpy mass of bones in the proper place, the joint well formed. His arm is o. k. now. He seems to use it as before, and never needed the operation on his arm.

It was amazing how he did most of his own farming the next spring. He often said since, that it took much willpower and determination to go ahead with his work. He still carries the steel pin in his leg which tires him more. He farms 80 acres and does carpenter work besides, when time allows. "If its God's will miracles can happen." He still limps some, especially when he is tired and carries his head slightly to the one side. But to think how near death he was, it really is a miracle to see him walk at all with his own legs, or even that he came through alive.

They have seven more children now; Susanna was born January 1,1963, winning the baby derby in Auburn, Indiana of Dekalb County. When Dave went to pick up the gifts, he told some of the merchants, in a joking way, "We'll see you next year." As it turned out the next New Years Day, their son, Emanuel, was born, winning the same derby also. Quite a coincidence, and Dave decided he'll be more careful what he says this time. So you can see by his sense of humor (as was always natural for him) his mind is as before the fall. Some people would keep asking him if he is all right from the fall. He finally got tired of that question, as he could see they were referring to his mind. So he told them, "As good as I'll ever come," so they would stop asking. He didn't want to be pitied.

They are now working hard to pay off their farm and home. At times it goes close to making the payments, as they remodeled their home to make room for their growing family. They never depended on welfare or insurance all through the accident, except what people willingly gave.

Perhaps if more people would have more willpower and determination, the government would not need to pay out so much for welfare, which is taking so many of the tax dollars.

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The Enoch Brown Indian Massacre

About three miles northwest of Greencastle and eight miles southwest of Chambersburg, the seat of justice of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, occurred the slaughter of Enoch Brown and his pupils by the Indians on July 26, 1764. At that early day the county was but sparsely settled, the many thriving towns and villages, that now dot the landscape, and located within a short distance of each other, were not then in existence.

The early settlers had but few books, no periodicals and the sources, through which they obtained knowledge, were very limited. But as a rule, they were eager that their children should be educated and as soon as a settlement had been formed, a school building was erected, a teacher employed and their children sent to school. The school houses of those primitive days were of the plainest style within and without, and would stand out in marked contrast with those of the present time. They were built of logs, the spaces between which were filled in with large chips of wood and over them was placed a coat of mortar made of clay. Boards answered the purpose of a roof, and as there were no stoves a huge chimney, also built of logs, and then plastered occupied nearly one end of the building. In the chimney a roaring fire was kept burning in cold weather, making the room fairly comfortable. The benches were made of logs, split in two pieces and then hewed to proper thickness. These were each supported by four logs, and afforded but little comfort to the occupants. Apparatus, such as globes maps and charts, was an unknown quantity

It was in one of these plain structures that Enoch Brown taught during the summer of 1764. His school had been well patronized for several months, but seasonable duties kept some from continuing their studies, so that on the day when the slaughter occurred only eleven pupils were present, nine boys and two girls, but, it is said, each represented a different family. Tradition says that the children had always been particularly fond of going to school, but on that fateful day, were loath to leave home. One of the scholars, a lad of probably twelve years of age, determined not to go. His purpose was to spend the day in the woods and when the hour for dismissal came to join his companions and return home as if he had spent the day in the performance of his school duties. He did not play truant long until he was detected, but his absence from school prevented him from falling a prey to savage ferocity. The other children made their appearance in the school room, with dinner basket in hand, little thinking of the direful calamity that so soon awaited them.

When the hour for opening school arrived, they took their accustomed places in the school room and began the work of preparing their lessons. While thus engaged a slight noise at the door attracted the attention of teacher and pupils and on looking to ascertain the cause of it, the grim visage of three Indians met their gaze. The teacher well knew the purpose of their coming, if the children did not. He quickly stepped to the door and implored the unwelcome guests to dispose of him in any way they might deem best but pled with them to spare the lives of the innocent children. But his entreaties were in vain. He was shot by one of the savages, and then two of them entered the building, the other remaining on the outside to give warning in case any of the residents should appear. The two who entered the school room raised blow after blow upon the heads of the children, and after scalping them were hurrying from the building, when one of them happening to look back, saw an object in the huge chimney corner, partly concealed behind some wilted boughs. It was one of the pupils, Archie McCullough. Returning, the Indian dealt him a blow, scalped him and then beat a retreat, joining his companions in crime who remained on the outside, the trio making good their escape. It is said that after the completion of their fiendish deed, the savages struck a "bee-line" for the Conococheaque Creek, several miles distant from the scene of slaughter, and on reaching it waded through the stream for some distance, in order that persons, who might be sent in pursuit, would be thrown off their trail. Coming ashore, they headed for the North Mountain and sought safety in the forests to the west and were never captured.

Not long after the massacre occurred, one of the citizens chanced to pass near the school house, and the unusual quietness about and in the school building, caused him to make an investigation as to the cause of it. On entering the room he found the teacher and ten of the pupils, lying upon the floor cold in death, and crawling among them was the lad, Archie McCullough, who had survived from the blow dealt him by the retreating savage, and was endeavoring to make his way to the outside. Although he lived to an old age his mental powers were much impaired by the terrible ordeal through which he passed. Tradition also says that one of the female pupils also recovered from the stunning blow and made her way to the spring nearby, at which place she was found by those who assembled at the school house on learning of the slaughter. She also, it is said, lived for many years afterward, her death occurring, I believe, in Ohio, or some other of the western states, to which she had removed soon after reaching womanhood. The children who died from the injuries received, were placed in a large box and were laid to rest in the same grave with their teacher, near the place at which they were so ruthlessly stricken down.

Seventy-nine years after the slaughter, a number of the leading citizens of Greencastle made excavations for the purpose of verifying the traditional accounts as to the place and manner of burial. After digging to the depth of about four feet they came upon parts of the rough coffin and unearthed nails of ancient make and which were quite rusty. Digging still deeper, they found a number of small skeletons and the skull of a full grown person, which upon exposure to the air, crumbled to dust. Metal buttons, portions of a small tin box, supposed to have been the teacher's tobacco box, also some teeth were secured and some of them were kept as relics. The correctness of the traditional accounts was fully established.

At various times the question of erecting a monument to the memory of teacher and pupils was agitated, but no definite action was taken until 1885. Then contributions were made by the pupils and teachers in the public schools, Sunday Schools, churches and by private individuals, the aggregate of which was $1400. Twenty acres of land, including the ground on which the school building had stood, and that where the unfortunate lie buried, were purchased, two monuments erected - one on the site of the school house site - the unveiling having occurred August 4, 1885, in the presence of fully 5000 persons, who assembled from the nearby towns and the surrounding country. Nine little boys and four girls pulled the cords, and the covering of red, white and blue dropped, and the monument stood out in all its beauty, much admired by the vast throng in attendance.

MONUMENT ON SITE OF SCHOOLHOUSE

On the top of the limestone foundation which is five feet square, rests the base of the monument, the size of which is four feet square and seventeen inches in height. Next comes the sub-base, three feet square and two feet high, each of its four sides being nicely lettered. On the sub-base rests the shaft of the monument, two feet square at the base, rising to the height of ten feet, tapering gracefully to a pyramidal apex. Its weight is 4000 pounds. The following are the inscriptions:

North side: "Erected by Directors of Franklin Co. Centennial Convention of April 22, 1884, in the name of the Teachers and Scholars of all the schools in the county, including Common Schools, Select Schools and Sunday Schools. For a full list of contributions see Archives of Franklin County Historical Society or Recorders Office".

West side: "Sacred to the memory of Schoolmaster Enoch Brown and eleven scholars, viz,: Ruth Hale, Ruth Hart, Eben Taylor, George Dunstan, Archie McCullough and six other (names unknown) who were massacred and scalped by Indians on this spot, July 26, 1764, during the Pontiac War."

In 1898 the following was added to the inscription: "Two Dean boys were among the victims heretofore unknown".

South side:

"The ground is holy where they fell,
And where their mingled ashes lie,
Ye Christian people mark it well
With granite columns strong and high;
And cherish well forevermore
The storied wealth of early years,
The sacred legacies of yore,
The toils and trials of pioneers."

West side: The remains of Enoch Brown and ten scholars (Archie McCullough survived the scalping) lie buried in a common grave south 62 1/4 degrees, west 14 1/2 rods from this monument. They fell as pioneer martyrs in the cause of Education and Christian Civilization."

The other monument, a smaller one, stands on the spot where the teacher and pupils lie buried. It is of the same material as the larger monument - Concord granite. It is two feet square at the base and seven feet high and on the side, facing the grave, bears the following inscription:

"The grave of Schoolmaster Enoch Brown and ten scholars, massacred by the Indians, July 26, 1764." Each monument is enclosed by a neat iron fence, the plot around the larger monument being fifteen feet square, that around the smaller one, being ten feet square. The exercises at the unveiling of the monuments were of an impressive character, the Reformed Church choir, of Greencastle, sang a number of patriotic hymns: "America", "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "The Indian Martyrs" a hymn composed by the late Reverend Henry Harbaugh, D. D., a native of the county and prominent in Reformed Church circles years ago. Reverend Cyrus Cort, then pastor of the Greencastle Reformed Church, did much toward securing funds to defray the expenses of the monuments and the fences enclosing them.

The location, selected for the school building, was a lonely one, being on a hillside, which was covered with an undergrowth of pine. A deep and dismal ravine was not far off and through it the savages made their way to the school house, and after committing their dastardly work, escaped through the same vale. The farm on which the school building stood, is now owned by Henry Diehl. During one pleasant summer day I made a visit to the spot on which Enoch Brown and his pupils were killed but not a trace of the building, nor of the foundation on which it stood are now to be seen. Not far from the site of the monument is a spring, from which, no doubt, water was procured to slake the thirst of the pupils while the school was in session.

As I stood by the monument I could not but think of the changes that have taken place, in the county and elsewhere, since that memorable 26th of July, 1764. Then the Indian was, in many parts of the county, joint possessor of the soil with the hardy settlers and the lamp of civilization sent forth rays as feeble and scattering and for a while as evanescent and fleeting as the sparkle of a firebug on a summer's evening. The colonists had not then declared their independence from England, and the "Star Spangled Banner" had not yet been unfurled to the breeze. Where then stood almost interminable forests there are now fertile fields which, at the time of my visit, were covered with waving grain, green pastures embracing in their arms of plenty, attractive dwellings within which the inmates dwelt secure, without fear of molestation from the savage foe. Instead of the Indian trail there are now public highways, which make intercourse, to all parts of the valley, easy and safe. Thriving villages and growing towns have succeeded the cluster of Indian wigwams and telegraph and telephone afford means for the rapid transmission of thought to all parts of the country.

As I lingered at the monument the shrill whistle of the locomotive echoed through the hills where once was heard the dreaded war whoop. The puffing of the iron steed was evidence that it was toiling hard in its effort to bear its share of the produce of the valley cityward. With that wonder Enoch Brown and the children whom he instructed, would look upon the scene as it now unfolds itself to the eye of the beholders could they be awakened from their long sleep and again stand upon the spot where they were so cruelly massacred!

Monument Marking Place of Burial of Enoch Brown and His Pupils

Farming and Gardening in the Bible

By ALASTAIR I. MacKAY

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The Bible

The origins of aggiculture and horticulture are lost in the mists of antiquity. The Bible opens on a fully developed garden. It was the Lord God, the Creator, and not Adam, the created, who "planted a garden eastward in Eden." The unfortunate First Family, expelled from that cool and pleasant domain, pitched right into cultivating the soil and raising sheep; there is no mention of the beginner's discoveries and disappointments, of trial and error during initiation into these skilled functions.

It is not only the sacred history of Christendom, Jewry, and Islam, which neglects to tell us of the primitive inception of agriculture. The earliest preserved records of ancient China and India, Egypt and Babylon throw no more light than does *Genesis*. In the Western hemisphere Inca and Aztec chronicles are equally vague. All accept agriculture as a *fait accompli*. Only in mythology do we find the gods teaching the people the rudimentary principles of plant growth and domestication of animals. Perhaps legendary Atlantis or Lemuria held the secret of man's earliest and most important conquest of nature, and the account of it has been forever lost beneath the waves.

What the Bible lacks in record of agricultural beginnings, it compensates for in wealth of reference to plant and animal life and associated rural husbandry in the Holy Land and adjacent terrain. The Children of Israel were a pastoral and agricultural people; they counted their assets in flocks and herds, vineyards and olive trees. "And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon" (I Kings 4:25). That was the ancient counterpart of our chicken in every pot and car in every garage. Trade and commerce were incidental to farming. The walled cities of the Bible corresponded to the stockades and forts of the early American settlers, defenses behind which farmers and their families could protect themselves against enemy raids.

Prophets, footloose and fearless, in their spiritual fervor neglectful of food and shelter, symbolized and lent force to their preachings by blending them with the simple truths of plant and animal life known to even the youngest in their audiences, skilfully associating promises and warnings with familiar and accepted natural processes. None of the great orators of scripture attempted to talk over the heads of their listeners. Some of the loveliest prose in the Bible, indeed in any literature, owes its beauty to the rapture of a garden lover. "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns....as the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved....For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come....the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell." Solomon, in his *Song of Songs*, could find no greater inspiration to glorify his love than his own gardens and orchards afforded.

Time and again Jesus went to nature and to the familiar plants of the countryside to adorn and garnish his parables and drive home his precepts, so that even the most illiterate peasant could readily grasp the allegory, even though the spiritual interpretation remained esoteric. Along dirt roads, on hillside pastures and clearings, and by the beaches, He spoke to the people in their own tongue, in the everyday language of the farmer and the shepherd. To most of us, even to the countrymen among us, the familiar parables, "Consider the lilies of the field," "A sower went forth to sow," "Behold the fig tree," fail to arouse the interest that a deeply familiar analogy always excites. Our attitude towards the living soil is too mechanized, topseudo-scientific But to the multitudes who thronged around Jesus, He spoke their blunt language and demonstrated His familiarity with their rural labors and rewards.

The Bible can be all things to all men. To the theologian it is an inspired spiritual document, to be emphasized in one part and slurred over in another, interpreted or expounded in the light of the school of belief to which he adheres. To the scholar it is a record of fragmentary archives, some skilfully and smoothly woven into a fabric of continuity, while others jar in incongruity. The spiritual fervor and dogmatic drive which sustains the theologian is absent from the groping research of the scholar. A spade wielded by an Arab fellah may uncover new evidence sufficient to wreck the patient work of years of study.

The ordinary man and woman, neither theologian nor scholar, commonly reads the Bible, or listens to its reading, without much analysis or even consciousness of the myriad segments of daily life, and evidences of the periodic and seasonal routine of remarkable people. Several factors contribute to this seeing without perception, this hearing without awareness, limitations which Jesus criticized in his audiences two thousand years ago. The artificial intonation with which the Scriptures are so often droned from pulpit or lectern is partly responsible. The familiar, richly resonant lines of the Authorized Version of the Bible, most common of editions, dramatic and inspiring as they are, for this very reason tend to obscure the wealth of detail and pattern to which practically every chapter contributes its quota. The arbitrary division into chapter and verse, often without literary or factual continuity, further accentuates the part at the expense of the whole. Even the potent force of tradition and veneration with which Bible study is surrounded plays its part in blurring the design of the tapestry of seedtime and harvest, desert and sown field, out of which ancient Hebrew life was largely fashioned.

There is a modern trend to arrange and present the Bible so that its literary qualities, its drama, and its poetry, are offered to better advantage than in the conventional black-bound copy of Holy Writ. While such innovations may desplease the rigid fundamentalist, it seems probable that the Bible is thus introduced to a wider and more unorthodox audience, and also that many who had regarded the Bible as a sacred but rather dull book are inspired to read its pages with new and enhanced appreciation.

The treatment of the Bible in this volume is a simple respectful effort to screen the words and phrases pertaining to agriculture, gardening, and animal husbandry, from the body of the text; then to arrange them in an orderly and natural sequence, as one would plan the layout of a balanced and diversified farm. Where detail is given in Holy Writ, vineyards and threshing floors will be reconstructed so that we may visualize them as we would a country property described to us by its owner. When no better evidence is available it is assumed that frequent repetition indicates common use or native habitat, rarity the unusual or foreign. In general, the Bible has been allowed to speak for itself and scriptural information has been given priority over that furnished by non-biblical sources. The literal meaning of the text has been accepted in most instances as the basis from which to commence research and build data, for the critics (and they are many) who dispute the literal meaning seldom agree on a substitute.

The author is neither a professional nor an expert in Bible knowledge, or in farming and gardening, but he is an enthusiastic amateur in both fields. His knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, languages from which the better known English versions of the Bible are translated, is negligible. Yet much of the record hinges on the relation between the original tongues and our modern equivalent, so Young's *Analytical Concordance of the Bible* has been adopted as the medium of exchange. Here may be found the English translation or translations of each Hebrew and Greek word, as well as the many instances where one English word translates several different words in the original language. These multiple cross-connections in comparative philology open up a wide field of research and speculation, so involved that the author is conscious of the enforced limitations of his presentation in this volume. Only in a textbook or encyclopedia could the ramifications be given adequate coverage, and this book aims at being a popular treatise rather than an erudite study. Yet the vast majority of the facts herein are supported by documentary evidence, while speculation is labelled as such. Practically everything can be verified by reference to Young's *Concordance* and a few good Bible encyclopedias; more than one are necessary, for different commentators have different views and interpretations, and in most disputed cases no finite and conclusive proof is available. The Authorized or King James Version of the Bible, in the Canadian "Gideon" edition with marginal notes, has been used as the source Bible, with the Revised Version, British edition, and the Moffat translation of the New Testament as supplementary references.

A farmer is not only a specialist in plants and the soil and domestic animals; he is also a human being in the frame of contemporary society, with its political and economic and metaphysical components. He usually has a family and has known romance and perhaps tragedy. His religion and his philosophy and his folklore influence his life and his actions extending to his celebrations and even his travels. He buys and sells in the marketplace, and rubs shoulders and ideas with strangers and foreigners as well as with neighbors. He pays taxes and may be conscripted for war or participate in rebellion against injustice. If crops fail, or rulers oppress, or a wave of history overtakes him, he may emigrate to another country. So the husbandmen of this book are treated as people whose human interests extend beyond and beside their fields and flocks. Also most of the pertinent facts associated with the title of this volume are buried in religious and historical passages; sometimes one chapter or even one verse may suggest more farm data than a scriptural book. Taking words and sentences out of context is like pulling up a plant by the roots to see how well it is growing. Preserving a minimum of context makes a certain amount of repetition unavoidable, for sometimes a heterogeneous collection of rustic lore is found lumped together, and both agricultural and spiritual significance suffer if rigid classification is adopted.

While Palestine remains the focal area, the agricultural influences of surrounding countries and peoples are also examined. The rivers of Eden flowed far distant from the Jordan, Noah landed the ark on Mount Ararat in Armenia. The Children of Israel knew the servitude of Egypt, Babylon, and Assyria, as well as that of Rome. Baal, the nature god of Canaan, strove on many a hill against Jehovah for homage as the lord of fertility and the giver of a bounteous harvest. But, in the main, it is the produce and cultivation of Palestine's fields and gardens, and the livestock that cropped her verdant pastures, which we shall examine in the following pages.

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The Erb Family

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Hans Rudy Erb is given in *swiss emigrants* by Faust and Brumbach (page 11). He is of Rotenflue, Switzerland and was perhaps a minister because he is listed among a small groupwho are recorded at Basel. The topic of the paragraph in which he is included in this manner: *Preachers who came to Switerlznd soliciting funds for churches or bibles, or seeking ministers for churches of America, were thought to be especially dangerous, since they couldnot be punished by the laws, yet their presence had the effect of enticing people to emigration.* This particurally applied to Basel which was the gateway of travel from Switzerland to emigration points. A description report in 1535 says that Hans Rudy Erb was unmarried, had a bad face (injured) had 130 lbs. worth of property and left his home to emigrate secretly to avoid emigration tax. A letter left behind to his friends acknowledging them a regretful notice of leave after crossing the border. A sister, Catherine Erb, married to Ulrich Schonenberger, cannot leave at this time because she had a daughter Anna Baptized May 6, 1736. And a son Frederick baptized August 30, 1739, hence she could not go with the departure of the others in her family.

Barbara Erb is married to George, son of Hans Jacob Keller. Incidently this is the same Keller family as Elizabeth Beiler, the second wife of immigrant Jacob Beiler. Hans Rudi Erb and Catherine Erb were children of Hermen Erb and Maria Itin. Barbara Erb is likely of the same Erb homestead in Ruthenflue but she is apparently one generation ahead of the others.

Nicholos Erb is mentioned in *Bernische Taufer* by Ernest Miller among a 1729 list that migrated from the *Immerthales* to Corgemont, a French speaking territory on the Northeastern Jura mountains. Others on this list are Abram Baumgardner, Hans Burki, David Swartz, Nicholas Konig and Andreas Neukomt. Although this is not a complete list, the ones we list are typical Swiss Amish names and the evidence is to a high degree that this Amish group migrating from the Emmanthal to Jura regions. We have no records of any Erbs living in the Alsace-Lorraine regions, although Corgemont is but a short distance from the French boundary. The evidence is strong that this was our Nicholas Erb who came to America with an early Swiss Amish group. If our Erb family lived in the Palatinate at all, as stated by Mennonite historians, and the Erb family history it was between 1729 and 1737.

The Erbs in America

Although American Mennonite historians do not assign the Nicholas Erbs to the Amish clan, we maintain that they were Amish. The Ernest Muller document confirms that they that abode in Ammann influenced communities before immigrating to America, and the Mennonite group there at that date were at large followers of the Amman doctrine. Secondly their 1737 shipmates, who settled in our Fatherland, are to a large extent, known Amish families. Thirdly, their chief family associates and family marriage partners were known Amish families in the West Conestoga. Fourthly, Nicholas Erb Jr. died withour heir and willed a certain sum of his estate to the Amish meeting of which he is a member of. It is true, however, that most of the first generation of our Erb family, like their associate families in West Conestoga and Cocalico did turn to Mennonite congregations early.

The Nicholas Erb family came to Philadelphia on the ship "Charming Nancy" in October 8, 1737, (Strassburger - Hinke) where the whole family is listed. Glaus Erb, Hans and Glaus Jr. are listed with the adults. Catrina (his wife) Jacob, Christian and Anna are listed with women and children. A Christophel Erbe is listed next, who according to the Erb family history was also a son and died young.

This pioneer Erb family settled on the west banks of the Cocalico near its outlet into the Conestoga creek. A part of this tract is now the Mike Stoltzfus farm on Becker road one mile north of Oregon. This is the Erb homestead and the elder Erbs are buried there on the homestead burial plot.

To be continued

Our Fatherland in America

The Erb Family

The Erb family name has almost grown extinct in American Amish communities in the last quarter century. It is, however, increasing in the last decade. The Ohio settlement seems to have all the existing Amish families and most of those are in Holmes County and vicinity, which accounts for twenty families in the 1973 directory. In Geauga County, Ohio, are only the Bishop Sam Erb family with two married sons in 1973. Although these Erb families doubtfully descend from our Fatherland Nocholas Erb, they do descend from later immigrant stock who have settled in Canada around1830. According to Daniel Kauffman in his Mennonite Cyclopedic dictionary (1937) all the Amish, Mennonite and Brethren Erbs of America stem from two branches and are remotely related. This suggests that the forebearing immigrants were related in Europe. That Amish Erb family names, who descend from our Pioneer Nicholas Erb is hardly likely, although it is known that descendants of Nicholas have followed the movement from Conestoga or Cocalico to Canada in the early 1800's. It is generally believed that they settled in Mennonite Communities there. The situation does, however, need more study to be sure.

In regard to present Amish families descending from our Fatherland pioneer, in maternal lines is different. There is a far greater possibility that Erb maidens have intermarried to more permanent Amish families in the second and third generation. Even from those who emigrated from Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, to Canada, there is a stronger possibility that some have intermarried to stable Amish families there. In the first generation in America a daughter married to Hans Schantz, whose children intermarried to Gerbers, Kurtzs and others. So to say that our Erb family gave no progeny to our present fold, as some historians have expressed their thinking, may be wrong.

On the other hand we do know that most of the second generation has affiliated to more progressive models, and many or perhaps most of the Nicholas Erb descendants have stayed in our Fatherland area, when the early Conestoga and Cocalico Congregation dispersed and the conservative stock moved to other areas. This can be confirmed by a public directory count of Erb families today, of whom we believe are in large descendants of our immigrant. The Lancaster Co. directory lists 129 Erb families; Berks Co. lists 56 families and Lebanon Co. lists 22 families.

While the Erb family name has declined among Old Order communities, in the United States and Canada, the last century, those of our Erb clan who remained in Eastern Pennsylvania, must be given credit, to a high degree, in bringing the garden spot to a high state of production, as well as being prominent in trade and industry. The John Funk ministers list of over one hundred years ago (1871) lists three Erb Amish ministers, while Raber (1977) lists only two.

THE ERBS IN EUROPE

In spite of the fact that the Erb family is well known in Europe, references to this family are fewer than one would anticipate. To our knowledge the name does not appear in the Martyrs Mirror editions. However, a Martyrs theme is given of a Frtiz Erbe in the Mennonitiches Lexicon (vol. 1, page 601), which was entered from the work of Christian Neff, a mennonite Minister of Weirhof, Germany. The same account is given in the Mennonite Encyclopedia (vol. 2, page 241), as follows:

Fritz Erbe, an Anabaptist of Thuringia, who suffered a tedious martyrdom in chains with steadfast loyalty. He owned a large farm in Herda, a village in the Eisenach district. Early in October 1531 he was arrested because he had been baptized on his faith, and taken to Eisenach. At the end of January 1532 he was released by Philip fo Hesse, perhaps as an result of recanting (Wappler, 210). When he took the Anabaptist Margarethe Koch, *die alta Garkochin*, into his house and refused to have his child baptized on the ground that baptizm would not benefit it as long as it could not desise it, he was again arrested in 1533. John Frederick, the elector of saxony, insisted that he be put to death, basing his verdict on an opinion of the Wittenberg theologians and jurists recommending death by the sword for rebaptized persons. But Philip, who had joint jurisdiction over Hausbreitenbach, to which Herda belonged did not give his consent. He hesitated to execute a man for his faith, since faith is a gift from God; and if it is an erring faith it is accepted out of ignorance, not malice. He favored expulsion from the country. A long correspondence between the two rulers followed, as well as lengthy negotiations with courts and officals.

Meanwhile Fritz Erbe lay in his dungeon in a remote tower of the city wall. His friends and the Anabaptists were moved by deep sympathy and honered him as a martyr. In the depth of the night they came to talk to him and to give and receive strength of faith. Two Visitors were seized and executed in November 1537. In 1539 three other Anabaptist visitors were arrested; after cruel they recanted and were released. When people approached the tower by day and requested to be imprisioned with Erbe, he was taken to a tower in the Wartburg. His unhappy lot stirred the sympathy of the bailiff, Eberhard von Tann. Though Tann was a decided opponent of the Anabaptists he brought it about that an attempt was made to convert Erbe. To this end Erbe was taken to the monastery in Eisenach and kept there for four weeks (1541). His long imprisonment ruined his health, but his spirit remained firm. At the close of the fruitless attempt at conversion he was returned to a back tower in Watburg. On June 8, 1544, lighnening struck there, setting the tower afire. Erbe's cries of alarm summoned the men of the castle and the town to extinguish the flames. After an imprisionment of 16 consecutive years, the sorely tried martyr was released by merciful death in 1548. He was buried in the Wartburg near the chaple of St. Elizabeth.

Johannes Erb of Oberberg, a pious Swiss minister, is listed in "*Die laufgesinnten gemeinden*", by S. H. Geiser. In 1677 he wrote a book *Die reformierte hauss—kirche,* which is of special interest to this because he not only encouraged but wholeheartedly stresses, *gemeinde* worship in private houses, a vital aspect in Swiss brethren faith.

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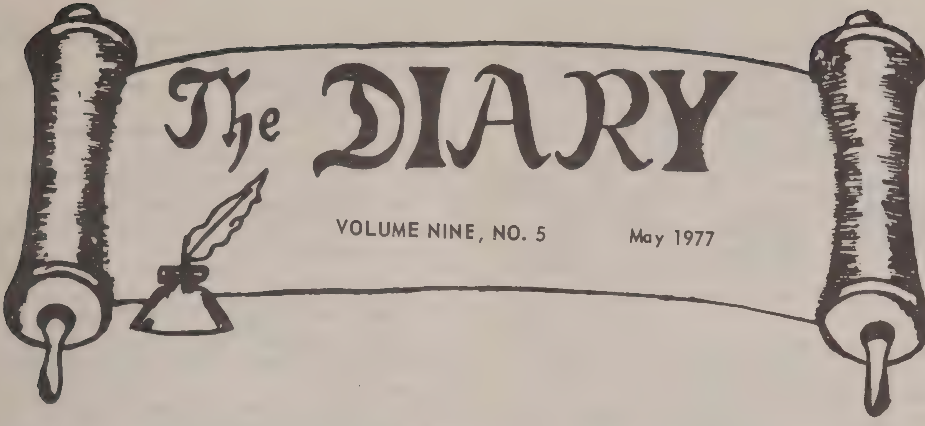

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FORMER IND. MAN KILLED IN MICHIGAN

David Hostetler, 20, Centreville, Michigan, formerly of LaGrange R4, Indiana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin D. Hostetler, was killed early Thursday morning when his automobile left the Centreville-Constantine Road and smashed into a tree, just south of Centreville. Hostetler was northbound on the county road when his car, traveling at a high rate of speed, crossed the centerline and left the road, slamming into a tree. He was pinned in the wreckage, was taken to the Three Rivers Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. (See obituary)

COMMUNITY NOTES – Arthur, Illinois

FARM ACCIDENT FATAL TO 13-YEAR-OLD BOY

Reuben, son of Jerry and Lena (Kaufman) Roche, was fatally injured Monday, May 30, at about 11 a.m., while mowing hay at the home of Joas Herschberger. There were two teams mowing, the one being driven by a neighbor, Alvin J. Schrock, following about 200 feet behind the boy. The hay being thick and hard to cut the tongue truck broke loose and Alvin's team became uncontrollable and ran over the boy. Mixing with the other team, Reuben was thrown between the horses, trampled on, and perhaps struck by the tongue. The other driver was also fast under a wheel of his mower and could not get our right away. The boy was taken to St. Mary's Hospital at Decatur. They found that his liver was bruised and his one kidney tore loose. He died about 8:30 p.m. the same day.

Delilah, daughter of Alvin J. Schrock's, has a broken arm, above the elbow, since the last day of school

NORFOLK, NEW YORK, ACCIDENT

John Troyer broke a bone in his leg while discing. He was standing on the disc. The horses had just started forward when he hit a stone, causing his foot to slip down between the blades. He had a cast from his foot up to his knee for six weeks.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED IN FARM ACCIDENT

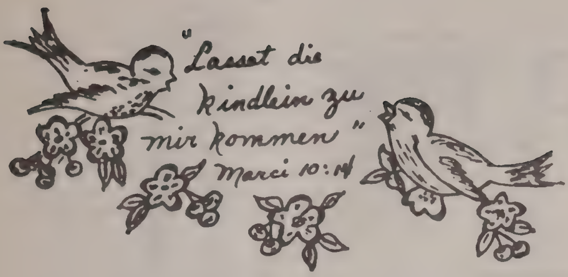
Bennie, son of David and Emma (Peachey) Wengerd, of Shoreham, Vermont, formerly of Belleville, Pennsylvania, was instantly killed sometime between 8:30 and 9:00 on the evening of May 23rd when he fell off a cultipacker. Bennie, with his brother, Joni, was out in the field where his father was planting corn. His mother was using a cultipacker to which she had hitched four horses. She sometimes took the boys on the cultipacker with her and gave them a ride. The horses seemed real tired and very slow. She was finished in that field and was ready to quit for the day and go for the barn. Because the horses seemed so slow and tired she left them stand with the boys still on the cultipacker and went only a very short distance to get the water jug to take along. Before she reached the jug the horses started off on a slow trot, soon going faster. Joni fell off first, being unhurt. Bennie fell off when the horses went through a gully in the field. The cultipacker went over his neck and head causing a broken neck and jaw, killing him instantly. Bennie, with his parents, three brothers, and three sisters, moved to Vermont on April 12th of this year. (See obituary)

IOWA BISHOP DIED OF A HEART ATTACK

Bishop John Nisly of Buchanan County, Iowa, collapsed of a heart attack around 2:39 a.m. May 23rd. He was rushed to the hospital but was pronounced dead upon arrival. He had had a heart condition for many years. (See obituary)

BISHOP LEAVES 494 LIVING DESCENDANTS

Bishop Eli S. Miller, 87, of Dover, Delaware, died at home May 16th, leaving six sons, four daughters, 124 grandchildren, and 360 great-grandchildren, making a total of 494 living descendants. (See obituary)



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, David E. Jr. (Sadie S. Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a son DAVID E., JR., March 17

BEILER, Henry L. (Katie Zook) Quarryville R2 a daughter LIZZIE Z., May 26

BEILER, John S. (Rebecca King) 106 Horseshoe Rd., Leola, a son STEPHEN, May 11

ESH, Christian G. (Malinda Esh) Gordonville R1 a daughter NANCY, May 30

ESH, Henry P. Jr. (Katie King) 2875 Stumptown Rd., Ronks R1, a son BENUEL K., May 27

FISHER, Aaron L. (Sarah S. Miller) 2599 Bachmantown Rd., Ronks R1, a son AMOS, May 29

FISHER, Christian (Katie Allgyer) Kinzers R1, a daughter FANNIE, May 2

FISHER, Gideon A. (Barbara S. Esch) 2208 Creek Hill Rd., Lancaster, a son,May 24

FISHER, Henry K. (Elizabeth S. Fisher) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter MARY F., May 7

FISHER, Levi (Sara Beiler) Kirkwood R1 a son JOSEPH, May 22

GLICK, Benjamin B. (Susie K. Glick) 2440 Creek Hill Rd., Lancaster, a daughter SADIE MAE, May 15

KING, Amos B. (Annie F. Smoker) 1975 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster, a daughter LYDIA S., May 15

KING, David B. (Lena Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a son, May 18

KING, David S. (Annie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1 a son OMAR, May 29

KING, Isaac Z. (Fannie S. Smucker) Quarryville R4 a son JACOB S., May 17

KING, Michael (Sarah King) Paradise R1 a son CHRIST F., May 30

LAPP, Jacob H. (Fannie Riehl) Gap R1, Box 172 a daughter RUTH L., May 24

LAPP, Isaac K. (Lydia A. Kinsinger) Holtwood R1 a son, May 4

PETERSHEIM, Christ L. (Sarah R. King) Airville R1, York County, a son CHRISTIAN, May 1

SMOKER, Omar (Esther Fisher) 3548 Newport Rd., Ronks R1, a daughter JOANNA, May 9

STOLTZFUS, Amos F. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Lititz R3 a daughter, May 31

STOLTZFUS, Amos S. Jr. (Lydia Mae Zook) Christiana R1, a daughter RUTH M., May 13

STOLTZFUS, Ben (Lydia Ebersol) Kirkwood R1 a son, May 28

STOLTZFUS, Daniel B. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Narvon R1 a daughter MARY, May 18

STOLTZFUS, David K. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Elverson R2, a son JOHN, May 3

STOLTZFUS, Ephraim K. (Rebecca B. Riehl) Narvon R2, a son GIDEON R., May 11

STOLTZFUS, Samuel K. (Malinda K. Zook) Kirkwood R1, a son JOHN Z., May 27

ZOOK, Christian B. (Sarah E. Fisher) Kinzers R1 a son CHRISTIAN B. JR., May 12

ZOOK, Daniel B. (Mary M. Fisher) Quarryville R3 a son DANIEL B. JR., May 9

Dover, Delaware

BYLER, David R. (Lydia Miller) Kenton a daughter KATHRYN, May 13

DETWEILER, Tobias H. (Ellen Miller) Hartley R1 a son CRIST

MAST, Elmer N. (Fannie Yoder) Dover R5 a daughter SUSIE, May 25

MILLER, Ammon A. (Sadie Miller) Wyoming R1 a daughter BETTY ANN, May 6

TROYER, John S. (Miriam Coblentz) Hartley R1 a daughter ANNA MARY, May 28

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

STOLTZFUS, Christian L. (Sarah Fisher) Newmanstown R1, a son ELAM G., May 13

Sugar Valley, Clinton County, Pennsylvania

FISHER, Samuel (Lizzie Kauffman) Loganton R1 a daughter RACHEL, May 18

Nittany Valley, Centre County, Pennsylvania

KING, Samuel (Sylvia Ann Lapp) a daughter ESTHER, April 15

Brush Valley, Centre County, Pennsylvania

MILLER, Ammon H. (Sylvia Glick) Rebersburg R1 a son AMMON, May 2

STOLTZFUS, Christian K. (Rachel Smucker) Spring Mills R1, a son STEVIE, May 24

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Juniata County, Pennsylvania

SWAREY, Christ K. (Alta Byler) Mifflintown R2 a daughter KATIE, May 5

TROYER, Emanuel A. (Fannie Yoder) Mifflintown R1 a daughter MARY, May 18

TROYER, Roman E. (Sara Yoder) Mifflintown R2 a son MONROE, May 15

YODER, Leroy S. (Mary Weaver) Mifflintown R2 a son HENRY, May 16

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

KANAGY, Samuel (Mary Peachey) Allensville a daughter NANCY, May 4

SWAREY, David S. (Katie Yoder) Belleville a son THOMAS, May 17

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

BRENNEMAN, Milton M. (Sarah H. Kinsinger) Meyersdale, a son LEVI, April 9

YODER, Bennie C. (Mary Ann Kinsinger) Springs, a son LEROY WILSON, April 4

YODER, Crist C. (Lizzie A. Kinsinger) Grantsville, Md., a daughter EVA MAE, May 24

Norfolk, New York

TROYER, Mose S. (Edna Troyer) a son DAVID, May 18

Geauga County, Ohio

BYLER, Andy A. (Mary Miller) a daughter ERMA, May 15

BYLER, Crist J. (Ann Troyer) a son CRIST JR., April 27

BYLER, Levi J. (Susan Miller) twin daughters RACHEL andREBECCA, May 23

BYLER, Melvin A. (Wilma Gingerich) a daughter MIRIAM, May 16

DETWEILER, Eli A. (Katie Weaver) a daughter, April 25

FISHER, Bill D. (Elma Yoder) a daughter MARIANNE

HERSHBERGER, Chester R. (Linda Shetler) a daughter ARLENE

HERSHBERGER, Gideon M. (Margaret Coblentz) a daughter, May 22

HOSTETLER, Crist M. (Mary Ann Miller) a daughter, May 6

LESLEIN, John J. (Sue Troyer) a son JOHN RAY, May 30

MILLER, Bill J. (Esther Byler) a son LEROY

MILLER, Freeman G. (Sarah Detweiler) a daughter ALMA, April 26

MILLER, Robert A. (Esther Miller) a son ROBERT JR., April 25

MILLER, Robert E. (Mary Ellen Fisher) a son ROBERT JR., May 6

RABER, Melvin B. (Emma Hostetler) a daughter, May 18

SCHMUCKER, Robert (Emma Kuhns) a daughter CORA, May 30

SLABAUGH, Enos C. (Rachael Kempf) a daughter NANCY, April 27

WENGERD, Raymond L. (Sylvia Bender) a son RUDY, April 23

YODER, Allen L. (Miriam Miller) a daughter ANNA MARIE, May 3

YODER, Elmer L. (Esther Hochstetler) a daughter MARY JANE, May 3

Holmes County, Ohio

HERSHBERGER, Dan L. (Fannie Troyer) Millersburg R5, a daughter, April 22

HERSHBERGER, Henry A. (Niva Yoder) Millersburg R4, a son, April 25

HERSHBERGER, Junior A. (Effie Yoder) Dundee R1 a daughter ESTHER, April 26

KURTZ, Jacob (Bertha Schlabach) Millersburg Rt., a daughter LORENE, April 27

MAST, David A. (Edna Hershberger) Millersburg R4, a daughter CYNTHIA, April 19

MILLER, Aden R. (Freda Hershberger) Sugar Creek R2 a son JASON, May 23

MILLER, Allen W. (Esther Mast) Millersburg Star Rt., a daughter LEONA, April 6

MILLER, Atlee N. (Esther Shetler) Sugar Creek R1 a daughter ANNA MARY, May 11

MILLER, Ervin M. (Mary Mast) Millersburg R5 a son ERVIN JR., April 21

MILLER, Jonas L. (Martha Burkholder) Millersburg R4 a daughter INA, May 18

RABER, Daniel J. (Lovina Miller) Sugar Creek R1 a daughter, May 5

RABER, Levi E. (Emma Miller) Millersburg R3 a daughter ESTA, May 6

SCHLABACH, David (Mary Raber) Millersburg R3 a son DAVID, May 17

SCHLABACH, Emanuel D. (Mary Esther Troyer) Sugar Creek R2, a daughter GLADYS, May 16

SCHLABACH, Ivan A. (Elsie Garber) Sugar Creek R2 a son ARLEN, May 16

STUTZMAN, Jonas P. (Ada Mast) Fredericksburg R1 a daughter ANNA, April 6 (Mrs. Allen W. Miller and Mrs. Jonas P. Stutzmanare sisters and their girls both weighed 6 lb., 10 oz., born ½ hr. apart at the same place.)

STUTZMAN, Levi A. (Ida J. Miller) Millersburg R5 a son MONROE, May 29

TROYER, David (Betty Hochstetler) Millersburg R1 a son JAY DEAN, May 17

TROYER, William J. (Anna Raber) Millersburg R5 a daughter MARTHA, May 14

WEAVER, Nelson B. (Fannie L. Troyer) Dundee R2 a son ADRAIN, May 13

YODER, Albert A. (Ruth Coblentz) Millersburg R4 a son ALTON, April 26

YODER, Andrew A. (Nettie Kurtz) Fredericksburg R2 a daughter, April 8

YODER, Atlee J. (Ada Erb) Millersburg R3 a son LeROY, April 28

YODER, Henry J. (Dena Stutzman) Millersburg R3 a daughter VERNA, May 10

YODER, Jonas J. (Mabel Miller) Baltic R1 a son DAVID, May 15

Wayne County, Ohio

MAST, Paul E. (Sarah Miller) Apple Creek R2
a daughter VERNA, May 24
YODER, Emery E. (Esta Beachy) Dalton R2
a son LARRY, May 2

Bronson, Michigan

TROYER, John (Mary Mast)
a son JOSEPH, May 12

LaGrange County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Ezra H. (Irene Lambright) LaGrange R4
a daughter MARIE, May 28
BONTRAGER, Joni (Frieda Bontrager) Shipshewana R1
a daughter MARILYNA, May 23
BONTRAGER, Ora J. (Susan A. Hostetler) LaGrange R4, a son STEPHEN, May 21
DIENER, Jacob (Mattie Marie Miller) Shipshewana R1
a son KEVIN EUGENE, May 23
HERSCHBERGER, John B. (Mary Esther Yoder) Topeka R1, a daughter MARTHA, May 26
HOCHSTEDLER, Edward J. (Mary Schrock) Topeka R2
a son EDWARD Jr.,
MILLER, Ernest (Erma Yoder) Shipshewana R2
a daughter RACHEL ANN, May 5
MILLER, Leo (Lydia Lorene Eash) Middlebury R.R.
a son DAVID, May 10
MILLER, Melvin (Irene Bontrager) Shipshewana R1
a daughter MARTHA JEAN, May 20
MILLER, Orla (Vera Mullet) Topeka R1
a son MELVIN LeROY, May 8
YODER, Andrew (Rosanna Eash) LaGrange R4
a son MAYNARD A., May 18
YODER, Richard (Mary Esther Knepp)
a daughter ANGELA DAWN, in May
YODER, Wilbur M. (Orpha J. Whetstone) Topeka R1
a son GLEN W., May 26

Elkhart County, Indiana

KAUFFMAN, Sam M. (Lydia Ann Troyer) Middlebury
a son RICHARD, May 22
MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. Eli M.
a daughter, May 21
MILLER, Ernest (Esther Helmuth) Middlebury
a daughter REGINA ANN, May 7

Nappanee, Indiana

BURKHOLDER, Glen (Freida Slabaugh) Nappanee R2
a daughter MARGRET, May 26

Allen County, Indiana

GERIG, Paul (Marie Graber)
a son LESTER, May 8
LENGACHER, Eli (Anna Schwartz)
a daughter IDA, May 5
SCHMUCKER, Joseph (Mary Lengacher)
a son MELVIN, May 17
WITTMER, Ben J. (Betty Schmucker)
a daughter ADA, May 18
YODER, Amos (Maggie Wagler)
a daughter MARTHA, in May
ZEHR, Joseph (Ida Graber)
a son MELVIN, May 18

Guthrie, Kentucky

SCHLABACH, Paul (Linda Miller) Guthrie
a daughter DORCAS MARIE, May 5

Ethridge, Tennessee

YODER, Enos A. (Mary Miller)
a son ELI, May 7
ZOOK, Eli L. (Anna Gingerich)
a daughter LIZZIE, May 8

Pike County, Missouri

SCHWARTZ, Jerry (Marie Eicher) Curryville
a son SAMMIE, May 6
SCHWARTZ, Levi (Martha Hershberger) Bowling Green
a son JACOB, May 3

Jamesport, Missouri

HERSHBERGER, Alvin J. (Frieda Yoder)
a son MARVIN, May 20

Seymour, Missouri

SCHROCK, Noah (Lizzie Schwartz)
a daughter MARY, May 27

Audrain County, Missouri

BONTRAGER, Mose E. (Amanda Hershberger) Clark
a son JOHN, May 13
MILLER, David (Millie Miller) Clark
a son BENNIE, May 3
SHETLER, Daniel (Mattie Gingerich) Clark
a son MOSES, May 15

Johnson County, Iowa

HOCHSTEDLER, Lloyd (Miriam Schlabach)
a son MANASSES, May 19
YODER, Mahlon (Bertha Miller)
a son MONROE, May 14

Buchanan County, Iowa

HERSHBERGER, Jonas Jr. (Emma Kauffman) Hazleton
a son JONAS E., May 19
KAUFFMAN, Henry A. (Lovina Miller) Hazleton
a son CHESTER, May 8

Chetek, Wisconsin

BORNTRAGER, Toby (Barbara Mast)
twin sons, ERVIN and ELVEN, May 4

Cashton, Wisconsin

HERSHBERGER, Dan (Elizabeth Bontrager)
a son HENRY, May 27
– – – – – – – – – – –Dan (Amelia Hochstetler)
a daughter EMMA, May 16

Amherst, Wisconsin

BORNTRAGER, Toby (Mary Stutzman) Amherst
a daughter SUSAN, April 21
LAMBRIGHT, Mahlon (Mary Borntrager) Amherst
a son LEVI, May 24

Wadena, Minnesota

YODER, William (Anna Gingerich) Wadena
twins, a son WILLIAM and a daughter WILMA, May 6

St. Mary's Ontario

GRABER, David S. (Erma Yoder)
a son ROMAN, May 26

Norwich, Ontario
SHETLER, Elmer N. (Mary D. Shetler) Mt. Elgin R1
a daughter LOVINA, May 19

Grey County, Ontario
GINGERICH, Amos J. (Katie Wengerd) Desboro R1
a daughter IDA, May 2

Aylmer, Ontario
STOLL, Elmo (Elizabeth Miller)
a son AARON, May 21
WAGLER, Edwin (Catherine Wagler)
a daughter MARY, April 27

Milverton, Ontario
ALBRECHT, Joe W. (Nancy Wagler)
a son DANIEL, April 23
KUEPFER, Cornelius and Marie
a son SOLOMON, May 1
KUEPFER, Leroy and Verna
a son JOHN, May 19
KUEPFER, Levi and Elmina
a son MANUEL, May 21
KUEPFER, Lloyd (Laura Wagler)
a stillborn son NORMAN, April 23

BAPTISMS

Buchanan County, Iowa
May 19th, by Bishop Phillip (Ascension Day)
Henry, son of Abner and Sarah Schwarz

OBITUARIES

BONTREGER, Delilah, 82, of Pryor, Oklahoma
died Sunday, May 8th. She was formerly of Shipshewana, Indiana. Surviving from that area are her step-children, Amelia, Amon, Jerry, and Ervin Bontreger, all of Shipshewana; her children, Clarence and Levi E. Bontreger and Anna Rugg, all of rural Goshen; several grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Harvey Miller of Middlebury; a half-sister, Mrs. Susie B. Miller of Goshen, and a half-brother, Noah B. Miller of Goshen.

HOSTETLER, David, 20, Centreville, Michigan
was killed early Thursday morning an an automobile accident (see front page). Born July 25, 1956, he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin D. Hostetler of LaGrange R4, Indiana. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mary Etta, at home, Mrs. Allen Wengard, Blair, Wis., a brother, Marvin Ray, at home, and a great-grandmother, Mrs. David R. Bontrager, Millersburg.

Funeral services were held at the Schrock home Saturday by Bishop Sam Miller, Melvin Schrock, and Amos Mast. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

KLINE, Mrs. Martha, 89, Millersburg R5, Ohio
died Tuesday night, April 26, at her residence following an extended illness. She was born in Holmes County on December 8, 1887, to Joe J. and Barbara (Bontrager) Miller, and was married on December 12, 1912, to Mike Kline who died on October 17, 1967. Surviving are a foster daughter, Mrs. Joe D. (Ella) Kauffman of Millersburg R5; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Ezra Miller of Dundee R1; three half-brothers, Joe, Jacob, and Levi Miller, all of Dundee; and two half-sisters, Mrs. Anna Miller and Mrs. Levi N. Yoder, both of Millersburg R5.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 29, at the Joe D. Kauffman residence by Bishop Daniel Schlabach. Burial was in Miller Cemetery in Berlin Township.

KURTZ, Katie A., 71, Topeka R2, Indiana
died Thursday, May 5, at her home following a long illness. She was born in LaGrange County on January 29, 1906, the daughter of Aaron and Katie (Hochstetler) Beechy, and was married January 15, 1929, to Christian Kurtz, who preceded her in death. Surviving are a son, Jacob C. of Topeka; three daughters, Mrs. Albert (Anna) Gingerich of Wolcottville and Mrs. Daniel (Mary) Hochstetler and Mrs. Ernest (Alvinia) Bontrager, both of Topeka; a foster daughter, Mrs. Erwin (Amanda) Miller of Topeka; 31 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, John and William Beechy, both of Topeka, and a sister, Mrs. Dan (Mary) Schlabach of Frederick, Ohio.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m. at her home by Pre. Cornelius Yoder and Bishop William A. Yoder, burial in Miller Cemetery.

MILLER, Bishop Eli S., 87, Dover, Delaware
diedat home May 16th following a lengthy illness of cancer. He was born November 6, 1889, married to Anna Byler November 23, 1911. To this union were born six boys and five girls, leaving 124 grandchildren and 360 great-grandchildren, making a total of 494 living descendants. Eli was ordained minister in 1940 and bishop in 1947. His wife, Anna, died November 26, 1947. He married second time to Lena (Byler) (King) Miller, a sister to Anna. Lena died in October of 1969. One daughter preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the home May 19th by Bishop D. L. Nissley of Pennsylvania and Pre. N. C. Swartzentruber, Bishop Wm. W. Byler and Bishop Jacob Gingerich of Ohio. Bishop Eli will be greatly missed. His funeral was the largest ever held in Delaware.

MILLER, Ida Mae, 40, Shipshewana R1, Indiana
died Sunday, May 22, from an apparent heart attack while attending church at the home of a neighbor, Mervin Eash. Born near Shipshewana July 11, 1936, she was a daughter of Christian L. and Viola (Miller) Miller. Surviving are two sisters, Polly Miller at home and Mrs. Leland (Anna) Lambrithg of Topeka; four brothers, Erwin, Levi, Christ Jr. and Perry, all of Shipshewana, and her father of Shipshewana.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 25, at 9:30 a.m. in the Enos Miller residence by Bishop Clemens Miller, burial in the East Barren Cemetery.

MILLER, Mrs. Rachel, 60, Middlebury R3, Indiana
died Friday morning, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, after an illness of one week. She was born March 5, 1917, in LaGrange County, and was married December 13, 1938, to Albert L. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Ora A. of Millersburg, Lloyd A. of Topeka, and Levi A. of Middlebury; two grandchildren; three brothers, Edward Yoder of Topeka, Joe J. Yoder and Fred Yoder, both of Middlebury; and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Ropp of Kalona, Iowa, Mrs. Amelia Raber of Millersburg, Mrs. Amanda Miller of Goshen, and Miss Lizzie Yoder of Middlebury.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at the Fred J. Yoder home, by Bishop Ervin Bontrager and Pre. Rudy Hershberger. Burial was in the Sunthimer Cemetery.

MILLER, Bishop Roman J. D., 65, Baltic R1, Ohio
died at his home May 11th of a heart attack. He was a son of John D. and Sarah (Miller) Miller, and was a bishop. Surviving are his wife, Lovina, and four daughters, Mrs. Ervin (Amanda) Hershberger of Kenton, Ohio, Mrs. Henry (Mattie) Troyer of Lakeville R1, Mrs. Ervin H. (Sarah) Yoder of Shiloh, and Lizzie of the home; two sons, John of Fredericksburg R2, and Danny of the home; six sisters, Mrs. Crist C. (Katie) Yoder of Millersburg R3, Mrs. Joe D. (Elizabeth) Erb of Charm, Mrs. Andy D. (Anna) Schlabach of Sullivan, Mrs. Eli J. (Mattie) Barkman of Baltic R1, Mrs. Eli D. (Emma) Yoder of Millersburg R2, Mrs. Emanuel E. (Sarah) Schrock of Sugarcreek; five brothers, Dan, Simon, and John, all of Baltic R1, Ura of Millersburg R4, Ammon of Danville R2, and 22 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 14th at the home by Bishop Abe J. Mast and Bishop Levi L. Petersheim of Kenton in the house and Bishop Henry Miller of Marietta and Bishop Albert Keim of Ashland. Burial was in the Home Cemetery.

NISLY, Bishop John, 68, of Buchanan Co., Iowa
died May 23rd of a heart attack (see front page), at the age of 68 years and eight months. He was born September 23, 1908, was married to Jemima on January 9, 1930, lived in matrimony 9 yrs., 6 mo., and 7 days. To this union were born seven children, four sons and three daughters. On May 1, 1951, he married Malinda Kauffman, lived in matrimony 26 yrs. and 22 days. To this union were born six children, three sons and three daughters. Surviving are his wife, 11 children, 45 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one sister, and many friends and relatives. Preceding him in death were one son, one daughter, one brother, four sisters, and one granddaughter. He was ordained minister in 1930 and bishop in 1957.

ROCHE, Reuben, 13, of Arthur, Illinois
was fatally injured in a farm accident Monday, May 30th (see front page). He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roche. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 2, at 8:30 a.m.

SMOKER, Mary B., 78, Gordonville R1, Pa.
died Tuesday, May 17, at 12:20 a.m. at Ephrata Community Hospital where she had been admitted Monday. She had been under the care of a physician. She lived with her nephew, Henry E. Lapp, at Intercourse, for the past ten years. Born in Upper Leacock Township, she was a daughter of the late Eli A. and Susan (Beiler) Smoker. She is survived only by nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 19, at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Isaac Zook, by Pre. Daniel E. Beiler and Bishop Israel Beiler, hymn read by Pre. John P. Esh. Burial was in Myer's Cemetery.

SWAREY, Christ K., 82, Mill Creek, Star Rt., Pa.
died at his home Wednesday, May 18, at 8:30 a.m. Born September 14, 1894, in Reedsville, he was a son of the late Christ K. and Sarah (Zook) Swarey, and was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Susie E. Peachey, who died in 1948, also one son, David C. Swarey, who died in 1973, and four brothers, John E., Benjamin H., Samuel, and David M. Swarey. His second wife, the former Lena H. King, survives, also the following children, Mrs. Joshua (Katie) Renno, Mrs. Sam (Sarah) Peight, Mrs. Kore N. (Fannie) Peachey, Mrs. Jonas K. (Drusilla) Renno, Mrs. Levi H. (Judith) Kanagy, Mrs. Ezra F. (Miriam) Peachey, Mrs. Daniel N. (Susie) Peachey, all of Belleville R1, Daniel J. Swarey of Reedsville, Mrs. John O. (Malinda) Peachey of McVeytown, Mrs. Seth T. (Emma) Yoder of McAlistersville, Enos S. Swarey of Embro, Ontario, Samuel T. Swarey of Rebersburg, Christ K. Swarey of Mifflintown, Abram D. Swarey of Mifflinburg, and Shem O. Swarey of Allensville; also these brothers and sisters, Menno D. Swarey of Dry Run, Pa., Israel Z. Swarey of Mechanicsville, Md., Jacob K. Swarey of Ronks, Mrs. Lydia King of Lancaster, and Mrs. Amos (Leah) Peachey of Mifflintown; 135 grandchildren and 95 great-grandchildren. Seventeen grandchildren preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the Noah Detweiler residence by Pre. Kore N. Yoder and Emanuel K. Peachey, burial in Allensville Mennonite Cemetery.

TROYER, Mrs. Lovina, 85, Fredericksburg R2, O.
died at her home May 18th after a long illness. She was born to Noah P. and Barbara (Frey) Beachy in Holmes County, and had lived there all her life. On December 9, 1917, she married Abe M. Troyer, who died May 2, 1966. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Eli A. (Barbara) Miller of Millersburg R5; three sons, Ura of Fredericksburg R2, Jonas A. of Mt. Hope and Abe A. Jr. of Sugarcreek R1; 30 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 21, at the Ura Troyer home by Bishop Levi J. Miller, and Jonas Helmuth of Iowa, burial in Troyer Cemetery.

YODER, Eli, 2 days, Ethridge, Tennessee
died Sunday, May 8th. He was the son of Enos A. Yoder's. A small funeral was held on May 9th for the "Freundschaft" and neighbors.

WENGERD, Bennie, age 5, Shoreham, Vermont

was killed in a farm accident Monday, May 23rd. (See front page.) He was a son of David and Emma (Peachey) Wengerd, formerly of Belleville, Pa. Surviving besides his parents are these sisters and brothers, twins, Linda and Laura, age 9; Mary, age 8; Joni, age 4; Louise, age 2; and Israel, age 11 mo.; a grandfather, Crist B. Peachey, and a grandmother, Mrs. Emma Wengerd. One infant sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 26, attended by a bus load of relatives and friends from Belleville area and a few from Norfolk, New York. Services were conducted by Shem Swarey of Allensville and Mose Swartz of Norfolk, New York. His body was laid to rest near the home at edge of the woods.

YODER, Pre. Dan M., of Grey County, Ontario

died of a heart attack on April 22nd. He was rushed to Owen Sound Hospital but died a few hours later.

YODER, Menno W., 84, Nappanee, Indiana

died April 3rd at Sarasota, Florida. He and his wife had gone to Florida to spend the winter months. Menno had not been well. On March 9th he was struck down by a motorcycle while walking on the street between Sarasota and Pinecraft, causing a double skull fracture, which caused pressure on his brain and gave him much pain. He was operated on to relieve the pressure but it didn't seem to help much, he lingered on in a semi-conscious state till April 3rd, when he passed away around 10:00 a.m. He was born May 1, 1892, at Nappanee, Indiana, was married April 4, 1918, to Malinda Miller, who survives. Also surviving are eight sons, Alvin and Levi of Sarasota, Florida, Lester of South Bend, Ind., Amos of Elkhart, Ind., Ammon and Owen of Nappanee, Ervin of Shipshewana, and Willie of Belle Center, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Harvey Hochstetler of Nappanee, Mrs. Ray (Lora) Nissley and Mrs. Devon (Sylvia) Fingerle, both of Sarasota, Florida; 47 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. John (Susan) Chupp of Nappanee; three half sisters, Mrs. Ed (Lizzie) Nissley, Mrs. John (Emma) Mast, and Mrs. Mattie Nissley, all of Hutchinson, Kansas. One daughter, five sisters, and five brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 6, at 9:30 a.m. at the Noah Borkholder home. The body was brought back to Nappanee on Monday evening and laid in state at their home till Wednesday Morning. Burial was in the Graber Cemetery.

NOTICE!! We publish a Senior Member page in the June issue of The Diary each year, listing our older members who are 80 years old or older. We would like to bring this list up to date in the June 1977 issue. Please send us any corrections and additions to last year's list.

ORDINATIONS

Geauga Co., Ohio

Roman E. Troyer was ordained bishop, May 15. He is a son of the late Eli Troyers and is married to Ada, daughter of the late Mose P. Millers.

Crist R. Hershberger was ordained bishop, May 15. He is the son of Roman E. Hershbergers and is married to Clara, daughter of Minister John J. Millers.

Andy D. A. Miller was ordained minister, April 24. He is a son of Dan A. Millers and is married to Ida, daughter of Mrs. Sam Erb.

Andy L. Yoder was ordained minister, May 1. He is a son of Levi S. Yoders and is married to Ada, daughter of Mrs. Dan Burkholder.

Jonas R. Schmucker was ordained minister, May10. He is a son of Roman J. Schmuckers and is married to Esther, daughter of Mrs. Steve J. Yoder.

Alvin A. Byler was ordained bishop, May 14. He is a son of Andy G. Bylers and is married to Mary, daughter of Minister Dave E. Millers.

Crist H. Fisher was ordained bishop on May 14. He is a son of Henry Fishers and is married to Mary, daughter of John Weavers.

Wayne Co., Ohio

Levi J. Troyer, age 35, was ordained minister in the Amos Miller East district, May 1. He is married to Susan A. Miller.

Roy L. Hershberger, age 24, was ordained deacon in the Sol Weaver district, May 19. He is married to Anna A. Miller.

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Amos Mast, age 57, Millersburg R1, was ordained bishop in former Christ A. Troyer Honeyville district. He is the son of the late Joe S. and Amelia (Yoder) Mast, and is married to Sadie, daughter of Menno S. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Beachy. In the lot with him were Noah J. B. Miller and Mahlon Beachy.

Perry A. Bontrager, age 32 years, Ligonier, was ordained minister in the David Nisley South Topeka district. He is the son to Andrew and Katie (Thomas) Bontrager, and is married of Alta, daughter of Sam and Mattie Mast.

LeRoy Miller, 35, Shipshewana R2, was ordained minister in the John D. Troyer Northeast Shipshewana district. He is the son of Levi and Barbara Miller (deceased), and is married to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Jacob and Fannie (Bontrager) Gingerich.

Elkhart Co., Indiana

John A. Yoder, 29 , was ordained in the Southwest Clinton district. He is the son of the late Amos and Mrs. Katie Yoder and is married to Mary Lou, daughter of the late Orva and Mrs. Clara Bender, May 1.

Elmer H. Miller, 32, was ordained in the Northwest Clinton district, May 8. He is a son of Bishop Henry N. Millers, and is married to Marilyn, daughter of Deacon Harry A. Yoders.

Blair, Wisconsin

Raymond Schrock, 47, Blair, was ordained bishop, May 1. He is the son of Joe J. and Rosa (Miller) Schrock, and is married to Mary, daughter of John and Amelia (Stutzman) Mast.

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MARRIAGES

Dover, Delaware

Hershberger, Miller - Menno, son of Jonas J. and Lydia (Hershberger) Miller, to Mattie, daughter of Jake N. and Mary Ann (Miller) Hershberger, May 12, by Bishop Dan A. Yoder.

Somerset Co., Pennsylvania

Beachy, Yoder - Elmer, son of Katie (Kinsinger) Beachy and the late Paul Beachy, to Edna, daughter of Preacher of Wilmer A. and Lizzie (Slabaugh) Yoder, May 26, by Bishop Albert E. Brenneman.

Geauga Co., Ohio

Gingerich, Byler - Bill, son of Andy N. Gingerich, Sparty, to Matilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas R. Byler May 10.

Miller, Miller - Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Miller, to Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen A. Miller, May 12.

Wayne Co., Ohio

Yoder, Hershberger - Amos, son of Atlee L. and Emma (Stutzman) Yoder, to Fannie, daughter of Levi N. and Ada (Mast) Hershberger, May 5, by Bishop Jacob R. Troyer.

Weaver, Swartzentruber - Aden, son of Ben J. and Amanda (Stutzman) Weaver, to Emma, daughter of Atlee L. and Anna (Miller) Swartzentruber, May 26.

HOLMES Co., Ohio

Weaver, Troyer - Henry, son of Mrs. Henry (Ella) Weaver, to Elsie, daughter of Preacher Atlee and Nettie (Miller) Troyer, May 26, by Bishop Wayne A. Yoder.

Schlabach, Miller - Widower Levi L. Schlabach, Beach City, to Amanda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli B. Miller, Millersburg, May 3, by Bishop Jacob J. Miller

Yoder, Slabach - Monroe, son of Preacher and Mrs. Amos M. Yoder, Millersburg, to Mattie, daughter of Preacher and Mrs. Ervin Slabach, Millersburg, May 10, by Bishop John J. C. Yoder.

Barkman, Yoder - Jacob, son of Eli J. and Mattie (Miller) Barkman, to Susie, daughter of Crist L. and Lucinda (Raber) Yoder.

Burkholder, Troyer - Eli, son of Ura J. and Ada (Mast) Burkholder, to Esther, daughter of Vernon and Edna (Hershberger) Troyer.

Yoder, Mast - Eli, son of Preacher and Mrs. Andy M. Yoder, to Edna, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Andy J. Mast, May 26, by 93 year old Bishop Jacob J. Mast, the bride's grandfather.

LaGrange, Indiana

Yoder, Knepp - Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Yoder, Goshen, to Mary Esther, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Knepp, in April.

Hershberger, Lehman - Daniel, son of Rudy and Polly (Bontrager) Hershberger, to Kathryn, daughter of Noah and Amanda (Yoder) Lehman, May 17.

Schwartz, Mast - Jerry, son of Deacon and Mrs. Milo Schwartz, Nappanee, to Betty, daughter of Harry A. and Mary (Wengard) Mast, May 18.

Troyer, Miller - Gerald, son of Bishop Enos and Edna (Troyer) Troyer, to Elsie, daughter of O. Vernon and Ada (Eash) Miller, May 18, by Bishop Enos Troyer.

Frey, Yoder - Calvin, son of Arthur and Elizabeth Frey, to Linda, daughter of Andrew and Elva (Miller) Yoder, May 22

Miller, Yoder - Mervin J., son of Jerry and Ruby (Miller) Miller, to Mattie, daughter of Perry W. and Edna (Eash) Yoder, May 25.

Chupp, Lehman - Ernest, Nappanee, to Irene, daughter of Manas Jr. and Lydia (Miller) Lehman, May 26.

Whetstone, Mast - Joseph E., son of Ervin and Edna (Lehman) Whetstone, to Polly Anna, daughter of Bishop Levi and Nettie (Miller) Mast, May 26.

Miller, Troyer - Widower William S. Miller, to Widow Barbara (Bontrager) Troyer, May 28.

Slabach, Beechy - Wayne Ray, son of Ervin and Clara (Yoder) Slabach, to Elsie, daughter of Alvin D. and Barbara (Miller) Beechy.

Elkhart Co., Ohio

Miller, Miller - Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, Arthur, Illinois, to Elizabeth Fern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Miller, Middlebury, May 12.

Yoder, Miller - Orlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Yoder, Nappanee, to Betty, daughter of Herb and Lydia Mae Miller, Nappanee.

Miller, Miller - Marlin, son of Preacher and Mrs. Lloyd Miller, Middlebury, to Freida, daughter of Herb and Lydia Mae Miller, Nappanee.

Mast, Miller - David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mast, Topeka, to Marietta, daughter of William and Jemima Miller, Etna Green.

Borkholder, Chupp - Wayne, son of Mrs. Fannie Borkholder, Etna Green, to Emma Fern, daughter of Jacob and Esther Chupp, Nappanee.

Allen Co., Indiana

Steury, Miller - Lester, son of LaVerne and Irene (Delagrange) Steury, to Clara, daughter of Amos and Edna (Graber) Miller, in March, by Bishop John Graber

Schwartz, Graber - Joseph, son of Noah and Lena (Miller) Schwartz, Bowling Green, Mo., to Rebecca, daughter of Amos and Emma (Schmucker) Graber, March 31, by Bishop Christy Schmucker

Arthur, Illinois

Miller, Kemp - Elva H., son of Harvey S. and Ada (Mast) Miller, to Carol, daughter of Elmer and Ella (Yoder) Kemp, May 12.

Hostetler, Yoder - Glen, son of Preacher John and Emma (Hershberger) Hostetler, to Laura, daughter of Joe L. and Mary (Otto) Yoder, June 2.

Jamesport, Missouri

Miller, Hostetler - Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi U. Miller, Topeka, Ind., to Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menno M. Hostetlers, May 12, by Bishop Amos U. Miller, Ind

Audrian Co., Missouri

Miller, Miller - Andy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Miller, Cashton, Wis., to Lena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Miller, Clark, May 12.

Reno Co., Haven, Kansas

Borntrager, Yoder - Jonas A., son of Amos P. and Sara (Schrock) Borntrager, Haven, to Lorene, daughter of Ora W. and Emma (Yoder) Yoder, May 5, by Bishop Jerry Yoder, Garnett.

Johnson Co., Iowa

Miller, Miller - Marlin, son of Rudy and Mary (Schrock) Miller, to Edith, daughter of Joe and Erma (Yoder) Miller, May 26, by Bishop Truman Miller.

Buchanan Co., Iowa

Nisly, Mast - John, son of Bishop John and Malinda Nisly, to Katie, daughter of Albert and Susie Mast, May 31, by Bishop Aden Troyer, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Grey Co., Ontario

Weaver, Miller - Emery, son of Mary (Swartzentruber) Weaver and the late John J. Weaver, to Katie, daughter of Joe A. and Mary (Shetler) Miller, by Bishop Sam L. Swartzentruber.

INDIANA YOUNGSTER HURT IN FALL

Freeman, eight-year-old twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Mast, of Ligonier R1, suffered head injuries Thursday when he fell from a hay loft in his parent's barn. He was treated at LaGrange County Hospital, then transferred to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he was reported as serious. Later reports were that he was at home and doing good.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Audrain County, Missouri

Leroy, age 18, son of Daniel and Lydia Beachy, broke his leg at the singing on Sunday evening, May 22, when his leg was struck against an open door, breaking the small bone just above the ankle and slipping the ankle out of place. He had it put in cast and is at home. The doctor said if it does not heal with a little time they will have to put in screws.

A Belgium mare belongong to Andrew E. Gingerich had twin colts May 22nd. At the time of this writing they are both gaining and seem to be O.K. They are both mare colts.

BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA, MISHAP

A four year old son of Ivan Shetler was thrown out of their surrey when homeward bound from church. The horse got scared and bolted, throwing him out and he was dragged under one of the wheels, tearing gashes in three different places on his head. One ear was almost torn off. It took many stitches to sew him up again. He spent four days in the hospital but was soon on the mend again. The doctor said an older person could not possibly have taken it.

LIGHTNING STRIKES AT WADENA, MINN.

Lightning struck at Amos Mast's while they were milking Sunday evening, May 29th, and knocked down the cow that Viola was milking, but the cow got right up again. Viola was shocked quite hard too, and it also shocked the rest of the cows. Amos was also shocked, and his wife, Alma, was shocked while in the house cutting meat. They think it followed the high line wires.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Amherst, Wisconsin

R. V. Borntrager had the misfortune of sawing his thumb and forefinger quite badly on the table saw. His forefinger was taken off at the second joint. It was healing nicely at last reports.

Daniel Ray, son of Aaron Beachy's, had a rather unpleasant ride when he attempted to ride a calf and somehow fell off and broke his arm. He was still wearing a cast.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Bronson, Michigan

Pre. Reuben Hershberger is in the Coldwater Hospital, Coldwater, Michigan, since May 8th with a case of Hepatitis or Yellow Jaundice.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Kokomo, Indiana

Mrs. Andy A. Herschberger is home from the hospital after spending six days there on account of a bad blood clot in her right leg. She is to take it easy for the next four to six weeks.

ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE, ACCIDENTS

Emanuel, son of Joseph U. Gingerich, jumped out of a window and broke one of his legs.

John J. Hostetler got his thumb in a jointer. It required seven stitches to sew up the cuts. It is almost healed now.

WILTON, WISCONSIN, FIRE

A cabinet shop was destroyed by fire on the Joe A. Borntreger farm, April 14th. It started from a gasoline motor which was used to pump water, run line shaft to saw, etc. They had just finished making fifty pallets and left for dinner. They were gone about ten minutes when the motor stopped, investigating they found flames had broken out that they were unable to enter the building. Three different fire company trucks came and saved the other buildings. The house, barn, and three other buildings were burning. The barn needed a new roof. Joe and his wife had gone to a wedding in Missouri and did not know it until their return Saturday evening, as a phone call was not delivered. Their married son was at home helping with the work.

WILTON, WIS., MAN ATTACKED BY BULL

Jake D. Hochstetler, 36, was attacked by a bull which he had untied to water and turn to cows. He walked away from him and the bull unexpectedly charged, knocking Jake down. He was unable to get away. The dog came and, calling for help, the bull left. Jake received two cracked vertbrae in neck and a fracture in lower back which caused severe stomach pains. He was in traction, had to have his stomach pumped out. Being unable to eat he was on IV for four days, and was hospitalized ten days. He is gaining slowly but still gets severe headaches.

IND. COUPLE INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Preacher and Mrs. Levi J. Schrock of Shipshewana R1 were injured Thursday evening, Ascension Day, May 19, when they were hit from behind by a drinking driver. They had attended church and then spent the evening with their daughter, the Alvin Beechy's, and had gone only a mile before the accident happened. He was treated and released from the hospital and she remained until Saturday with scratches and bruises. This happened only ten days after the doctor released her from the accident which happened near Centreville, Michigan, four years ago, in which Mrs. Andrew Schrock was fatally injured. Mrs. Levi (Mary) Schrock, daughter of the late Bishop and Mrs. William L. Bontrager, was seriously injured with both legs broken. Much pain and patience was her lot, with determination and will power, trusting in God's will for her, she was able to be released.

REPORTERS! Please write on only one side of paper. The sheets have to be cut to sort according to subjects. Material on reverse side might be lost or overlooked. Write your locality at the beginning of each subject and your name with the crop and weather report. Thank you. S. E. F.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

It was very dry with temperatures about normal and only 1.4 inches total rain for the month. The high temperature was 89 on the 18th and the low was 42 on the 15th. The early planted corn looks good but is slow in growing. The later plantings are hurting and some people are still waiting to plant till it rains. The alfalfa was a fair crop. Grains are very short which will make straw scarce and high in price.

St. Mary's Co., Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

We had our last frost on April 30th. May has been very good for crops, although a little dry toward the end of the 3rd week. The first week brought over 3 inches of rain and several thunderstorms. On the 25th we had a slow drizzle which amounted to 1 1/4 inch. We had some very warm days with temperatures in the lower 90's. On May the 8th at 11:00 P.M. a strong blast of wind hit this area with gusts up to 60 M.P.H. and it remained windy for the next 2 days. The barley is ready to cut. Hay making has started and corn is ready to cultivate.

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The rainfall for the Bareville area was 8 inches this month.

Market Report: choice fat cattle $40 -$42.75 cwt.; feeder cattle $35 - $41.75 cwt.; fat hogs $41 - $48; 40 lb. feed pigs $1 - $1.20 per lb.; spring lambs .76 lb.; veal $70 - $75 cwt.; dairy cattle at New Holland $550 - $860; corn on the ear $67 - $76 per ton, by the bu. $2.55; oats $2 bu.; hay $50 - $92 per ton; straw $50 - $90 per ton; potatoes retail $9; large eggs .52 doz., med. eggs .43 per doz.; strawberries .75 - .90 per box; heavy hens .29 - .50 lb.; pullets .46 lb.; capons .50 lb.; duck .75 lb.; turkey .47 lb.; rabbits .95 lb.; guineas $1.60 lb.; pigeons $1.80 - $4.15 a pair.

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, by Christian L. Fisher

The weather was warm with a few showers the first week of May. It rained about one inch and then got cool and windy for over a week. It rained a little on the 18th and was warm for a week. It was getting dry, and a few cloudy days cleared without rain. It was warm again and cloudy the last two days.

A lot of hay was made the last two weeks. The wheat is headed and a lot of tobacco was planted. Most of the corn looks good, and the early cut alfalfa fields are green again. Its getting dusty and things look a bit dry.

Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

May was dry with only 9/10 of an inch rain. The fields and lanes are very dusty and the creeks are low. A good bit of the alfalfa hay is in the barns and tobacco planting has started. The cherries are beginning to ripen and things seem to be a little earlier than usual.

Clinton Co., Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Beiler

May was a dry month, on the 4th we had 1/2 inch of rain and 1/4 inch on the 18th. We had an occasional shower, but not enough to settle the dust. The gardens don't seem to have suffered much yet. The corn looks nice. We had our last frost on the 15th, with snow flurries on the 9th. It was warm the last 2 weeks of the month. The last 2 days were very cloudy, bringing hopes for rain. Not much hay is made in the east end of the valley.

Centre Co., Pennsylvania, by Henry M. Glick

The month of May came in nice and it was warm the first four days. We had showers off and on from the 5th to the 8th, making 1/2 inch altogether. The next week it was on the cool side with temperatures going as low as 28 degrees. We had a light frost the morning of the 15th, but the next two days were very warm. on the 18th and 24th we had 2/10 inch each time, but over all it is getting a bit dry. The corn is up nicely, but needs rain. The last two days it was very cloudy, but as of yet no rain. We had 9/10 inch of rain in the month of May. A lot of hay was made and was good quality.

Centre Co., Pennsylvania, by David B. Stoltzfus

After almost an inch of rain during the first week, we had no more rain except 1/4 inch on the 18th. The corn is growing well inspite of the dry weather. Some hay was made during the last week with medium yields.

Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pennsylvania, by Sam M. Troyer

This has been a dry month with one inch the first week and 1/2 on the 18th. It is now the first day of June and its raining a little this morning.

Corn that was planted in the fore part of the month is up nice, but the late corn just lays in the ground. Lawns are turning brown. Fruit trees seem to be well loaded except some peaches and apricots. Cherries are coloring, strawberries are short except where water was put on. There are some gypsy moth worms around but there has not been much damage to local trees yet.

Juniata Co., Pennsylvania, by David Y. Renno

May was mostly very warm and dry with cool nights and hot days and many hot winds. Pastures are brown and grass and grain is at a standstill. Clover hay makes only a half crop, and the oats are heading out, but still short. The wheat is short and thin, much of it wasn't even up last fall before winter set in.

Another unusual thing is that we have no flies around this summer yet. After two months of warm weather they didn't come out yet. Could the past cold winter have reduced this number?

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania, by Catherine M. Swarey

May was a warm and dry month with only one inch of rain. The gardens and cornfields look surprisingly nice although the corn is still short. The peas and strawberries will probably not do as good. Some alfalfa and hay has been put away, and they with the wheat and oats are shorter than usual. The last two days were hazy and cloudy, which means we should get rain before too long.

Path Valley, By Daniel Z. Beiler

April was a nice springlike month. The spring plowing and planting of oats was done in good time. Corn planting started in ernest the last week. May continued mild and sunny with very little rain. The last few months its been getting quite dry. The corn is coming up good, but slowly. The hay is a little short, and almost dried up in the lighter soils. The first cutting of hay is mostly in the barns now.

Adams Co., Pennsylvania, by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

We had only 9/10 inch of rain during the month of May, with 3/10 inch falling on each of three days - May 2, 15, & 18th. We also had some cold weather with 38 degrees in the morning of the 8th, followed by a storm and light shower in the eve. It was still cold and stromy the next day with 39 degrees in the morning and 10 degrees warmer during the day. On the 11th it was 48 in the morning, but the remainder of the month it was warm with several days of 90 degree weather. The evening of the 18 we had a storm followed by rain, which was the last shower for the month. Inspite of the warm weather and the ground being dried out, there was still enough moisture there for cultivated crops and corn fields to look nice. Our dry spell was hard on the oats, wheat and hay crops.

Somerset Co., Pennsylvania, by Mary A. Kinsinger

In May we had a total of about 3 1/2 inches of rain. Although some places had practically no rain, while others had a good bit more. On the 9 and 10th it was cold and had a light snow. It has warmed up since and the children are going barefooted. The oats and corn look nice considering how dry it is on top.

Mercer Co., Pennsylvania, by Dan J. Troyer

We had very little rain in May. Only about 6/10 inch on the 2nd and again on the 4th, with a few showers and drizzles hardly measurable. We had a week of cold windy weather, with five mornings of frost from the 8th to the 12th. It is now very dry, and some still have plowing to do, but are waiting on rain before finishing. Some of the lats oats look sick and it was too dry for them to come up. A little haying has been done, but it is very short. Strawberries are ripening.

Cochranton, Pennsylvania, by Fannie Bontrager

May has been a pleasant month, although warmer than usual. In the forepart temperatures were up in the 80's. The nights have been cool with temperatures down to as low as 40. We had several frosts which froze spring flowers like lilacs and forsythia.

The farmers have been able to get crops in early. We had scattered showers on the 24th and 25th, but it is getting dry.

Crawford Co., Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Fisher

This was the driest May we had for years. We had several rainy days in the beginning of May, but no measurable amount until the night of the 31st when we had .2 of an inch.

The farmers have their oats and corn planted except for a few stray acres that weren't plowed early and are waiting for a good rain.

Norfolk, New York, by Jerry T. Schwartz

We had beautiful summer weather in May, however, it was a bit dry. On the 28th we had 3/4 inch of rain, which was greatly appreciated. On the 29th we had frost, but the damage was minor. The corn planting began in the forepart of May, a lot is up and doing fine. Our local cheese plant, owned and operated by the Amish has started up May 28.

Geauga Co., Ohio, by Eli E. Wengerd

We had a few showers in the beginning of the month. Then it was very dry for about two weeks. On the evening of the 24th we had heavy thundershowers with 2 1/2 inches in an hours time. We had another little shower on the 31st.

Gardens are doing good. Lettuce, onions and radishes are on the menu. Peas are blooming and strawberries are slowly turning red. The corn is all planted and some have cut some hay.

Holmes Co., Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

We had very little rain for the month of May. At this writing it is very dry and the lawns are brown. Hay is short, but strawberries are ripening.

Southeastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

We had some rainy days the forepart of May, but very little rain from then on. The hay is short, but a nice crop. The corn is coming pretty good considering the dry weather. Some pasture fields are turning brown. The wheat is heading out and looks good, and the hay making has just started. We had a shower on the 31st. Pig and hog prices are about the same.

Barra Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

The farmers are finished planting, and silos are filled. Hay making is in full swing and looks to be a fair crop. The wheat and oats look good with the corn growing nice for as dry as it is. We didn't have much rain in May, but a lot of warm and humid days. Hog prices have advanced to $.44 lb.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

We had an inch of rain in the forepart of May, but only a few light showers since. We had a late frost on the 8th. It is getting dry although the corn looks good yet. A lot of hay was put up in the last week, it is good quality but short. The wheat is headed out, but late sowed oats look spotty.

Hogs are around $44 cwt.; the cattle market is stronger; fat bulls $36 cwt.; calves $40 - $65 cwt.; pigs about steady.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

We had above normal temperatures for the month. Some areas had almost normal rainfall, but it dried out fast after the rain. There were no soaking rains, they all came in sheets with very strong winds, blowing off roofs and uprooting trees. Some areas had severe hailstorm which knocked paint off of buildings, branches, leaves etc. The storm came the first week of the month and did quite a lot of damage. The last week there was no rain, and it is getting quite dry. Most of the corn and beans are planted.

LaGrange Co., Indiana

The first of the month was quite warm and we had some rain. It was warm with temperatures in the 70's and 80's, a high of 89 was reported on the 17th. The wheat needs rain, as it is not filling out as it should. The gardens are fair, with strawberries ripening, but will be a short crop unless we get rain. The men are finished planting corn and some hay has been cut. The women are housecleaning, gardening etc. Presently it is somewhat hazy weatherwise and we hope and trust God will answer our prayers for rain.

Elkhart Co., Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

On the 1st it was sunny and warm, followed by an almost all day rain on the 2nd. The 2nd week was cool with several frosts. We had no more rain till the 17, after which it was hot and dry the rest of May. A lot of nice hay was made with no rain on it, but the strawberries are few unless irrigated.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

May, like some of our other weather patterns through the last year, was a little unusual, much warmer and also much more dry than average. The average rainfall for the month is 3 1/2 inches, this year we had 1.4 inches, which is 2.1 below normal. The April rainfall was also quite a bit below normal so now the ground is getting dry. We had 15 all sunshine days and 3 all cloudy ones. According to the weather station we had 18 days of 80 degree temperature and above, and 8 of those registered from 90 to 92. We had a cool spell in the first half with frost on the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th. On the 10th it dipped down to 27 for a short time and froze ice but it didn't seem to hurt the fruit and strawberries, although they were in full bloom. The outlook for peaches and apples are good, strawberries are ripe now and are a good crop where they have been irrigated. The corn and soybeans look good but need rain badly. A lot of hay has been made and put in, all without rain. The last measurable rain we had was 9.1 inch on the 5th and .1 on the 17, pastures are starting to dry up.

Allen Co., Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

We had very nice weather, although lacking rain. The cornfields are not of the best due to dry weather or wire worms. Some had to replant due to the worms. The strawberries aren't plentiful either. We had good hay weather with several days in the 80's and 90's. The hottest was 95 on the 20th.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Ivan J. Gingerich

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In the forepart of May we received a total of 3 inches of rain, which came in slow drizzles for a week. In most places throughout the community that was all the rain received for the month. We had a few scattered showers on the 24th. At Emery Hershbergers, lightning struck a tree in the yard, splitting the main trunk and sending a large piece of bark through the porch window, nobody was in the house when it happened.

The first cutting of alfalfa was very heavy and the dry weather was in the farmers favor for putting up good quality hay. Many yards were turning brown and some soybeans will need rain to bring them through. The corn looks nice and the wheat is in heads.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

May was warm with a high temperature of 94 degrees. The first half was wet with 5 inches of rain so that there were quite a few ponds of water in the fields. A lot of corn was planted in April, so a lot fields had water damage. The last of the month has been dry with quite a bit of wind. Most of the crops are looking good, and hay is being cut. We are getting a good yield and nice drying weather to put it in the barns.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachy

We had several good showers the first week in May, then some areas had a shower on the 24th, but it is getting quite dry now. Lawns are turning brown and corn is suffering. Beans are up in the lower places, but quite spotty over knolls. The barley harvest is in full swing, and the wheat looks yellow. The barley yield is fair considering our hard winter.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob Gingerich

We had a few showers on the first week of May, after which it dried off and was dry until the 25th. We've been having showers now and then since, totaling over 2 inches of rain for the month. The low temperature was 42 degrees and the high 87. The crops look very good. Cattle prices remained about the same. Feeder pigs were quite a bit lower at the last sale.

Webster Co., Missouri, by Ruben Yoder

Crops in general look good except the hay is short due to the dry weather. Most of the hay is in already. Hog prices are slipping again, but milk keeps going up. It is now $8.30 cwt. with a $.35 cwt. premium for over 500 lbs per day.

The first half of the month we had several rains, with the last half rain somewhere nearly every day. However, people still managed to put hay away. During the night of the 22nd there was a light storm and on the 30th we had a harder storm, that really ripped limbs from trees and tin from buildings.

Pike Co., Missouri, by George D. Yoder

April and May have been mostly nice and early spring-like weather. We have had enough rains to fill ponds and boost the growth of grass, hay, wheat and oats. The farmers were kept out of the fields a little over a week by wet weather. The corn planting is being done and some are finished.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

This was a month of very nice growing weather, with the exception of the second week when we had a few cool days, otherwise the moisture with the sunshine was almost perfect. Everything is looking good, though we only have oats out in the line of crops. Some farmers cut hay as early as the 9th. The gardens look like it will make a lot of eating. We've been having lettuce, radishes, peas etc. Our potatoes have a good chance. The blackberries all froze out last winter, but new growth is coming along for next year. The strawberries were a good crop this year.

Audrian Co., Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

The first week of May was wet with a total of 8 inches. We had no rain since, except several light showers and sprinkles, so it is dry presently. Most of corn is planted and started good. Many that had been planted the last of April had to be replanted after the wet spell. Hay making is underway, which is a fair crop. Strawberries were a good crop but are tapering off fast, probably due to the drought. Milk is up $.40 from last winter, it isnow$8.45 on 3.5 test.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

We have had real nice weather in May, with just enough rain to keep gardens and crops looking nice. There were no heavy rains, all coming quite slow and soft, but very streaked. The ground to be plowed is getting dry and hard. Most of the crops are in and haying is ready to start, which looks like a good crop. The strawberries are doing good and the raspberries look promising if they get enough moisture. Peas are a fair crop.

Reno Co., Kansas, by Edward Mast

May was on the wet side, with rain scattered throughout most of the month. The second week it was nice to put up hay, but a lot of it got wet later. Most hay fields are staying brown because of army worms, which some are spraying for. The wheat is tall and looking good. The gardens look better than average this year.

Reno Co., Haven, Kansas

We've had quite a lot of moisture in May and cool weather. Most of the alfalfa that was baled for hay had several showers of rain before it was ready to bale. Some of it lying a week and some longer, which, as a result turned brown. Some wheat has gone down from the heavy rains, wheat fields are turning to golden color. The ground is being prepared to plant milo when it is dry enough to work in the field. The busy time of summer is here.

Johnson Co., Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

We've been having some good rains this spring, but seemingly they had a little less further southwest. We could use a good shower now again. We've been having real summer weather the past several weeks, but it has cooled off a little the last day or so. The temperature was 56 today, the first of June. The crops and hay are aprox. 10 days ahead of the average year. The hay is being made and some is going in the silos. There is still some late corn to be planted, but plenty is knee-high already, which will be shoulder high and over by the 4th of July. Due to the good bean prices, more beans are being planted.

Buchanon Co., Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

The month of May brought around 2 inches of rain, mostly the first week. The temperature hit the 80's and a few days 90 degrees. It was a warm month with very few windy days. The early planted corn is knee-high by June 4 instead of July 4th as the saying goes. Hay is the order of the day, and is yielding a heavy crop. There was some corn replanted as the cut worms are taking their toll. The strawberries are ripe, its an early season for everything.

Chetek, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Henry J. Lehman

May has been an unusually warm month. The crops are extra early, and quite a bit of hay has been cut. The corn is about a month ahead of other years. The cutworms seem to present a problem at places. We didn't have much rain during May until the last three days, when we had over 2 inches, this was greatly appreciated as it was rather dry.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

May was warm and dry the first half of the month. The latter part we had nice rains, which helped the crops and gardens. Hay is being made about a month earlier than usual. The strawberries are ripe and the crops and gardens are further advanced than usual because of an early spring.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jake D. Hochstetler

May has been warm and dry, except for the last couple of days when we had thunderstorms and approx. 2 inches of rain. It cooled off then and we've been having rainy days since. Most of the corn was planted early in May. The hay is almost ready to cut. The gardens are earlier and look nice. Early peas are podding, radish, lettuce, asparagus, rhubarb, and onions are eatable. Bugs are a problem in gardens.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger

The weather in May was mostly dry, but we had 3 inches of rain. The corn looks good, and the oats are starting to head out. The haying is started and looks like a good crop.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

We had a lot of nice sunny days in May. We had cool nights and a few frosts. We had nice rains the week of the 15th. Most of the corn is planted and some is ready to cultivate. Early garden things are on the menu.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William Schrock Sr.

Our weather in May was real nice. We had rain on the 3rd, 5th, 15th, and again on the 21st. Then from then on we had 7 more rains bringing our drought to an end. The grass is growing, the oats, corn and hay look good. The garden things are growing nicely but we have some worm problems. Cattle are selling good also hogs, goats and horses. Eggs are around $.50.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss H. Stutzman

May was warmer than usual, we had a few frosts, on the 9th and 10th, then it was very warm the 13th with 87 degrees. We had over 3 inches of rain during the month. Hay making started the last few days, and we had ideal weather to get the corn in before the middle of May. Some cultivating was done the last week.

Utica, Minnesota, by Atlee J. Shetler

The weather for May was unusually warm,and we had some nice showers. Some oats fields look poor due to the carry over from last years spray. A few of the corn fields have been heavily damaged from cut worms, however, most of the crops are growing nicely.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

May has been very dry in this area with several showers that only laid the dust, and on the 23rd we got a little over half an inch. The gardens and crops are slow. Around midnight on the 31st we had a shower but not a heavy rain.

Most of the corn was planted early and the early oats look good, but some of the late oats came up spotty. Fat beef cattle and hog prices are steady. The work presently is building, spraying, and preparing for hay making.

Aylmer, Ontario, by Leroy Eicher

We had quite a bit of warm and dry weather in May. Most of the corn is up. Some have started haying. The price of hogs went up to $60 cwt. We had a much needed rain the night of May 31st.

Grey County, Ontario, by Jacob C. Hershberger

May was very dry with only 1.2 inches of rain and quite a few frosts. The early sowed grains look good, but the later grain is just coming up in patches.

St. Mary's, Ontario, by Abe Hochstetler

May has been a dry month. There have been a few showers in the area, but far below normal. Fall plowed field's have retained remarkable moisture where the grains look good. The corn is up well and the crops in the spring plowed fields look spotty because seeds could not germinate. White bean farmers are waiting for rain to put there crops in.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

The first week of May was a bit on the cool side. We had a light shower on the 4th and 5th. It was real windy on the 8th and 9th. Most farmers finished seeding last week, and the early oats are up. Lettuce and radishes are up, but its too cool for them to grow fast. We had a light shower on the 13th then it was warm the next two weeks with very little rain. It turned cool over the 29th and we had a very light shower. The corn is all sowed and coming up nice. The garden things are slow in coming because of lack of moisture.

A National Weather Report

from the Phila. Inquirer - May 18, 1977
by Beth Gillen Pombeiro
Bob Frump

In the Pacific Northwest
A River thunders no more

In the mountainous, thickly wooded Pacific Northwest, drought is a subtle thief that sometimes is disguised as a benevolent prankster.

It arrived here last winter with a bounty of brilliant sunshine, bewildering Oregonians who are used to rotten weather and are fond of remarking that in their state, people don't tan, they rust.

The unexpected winter sunlight pouring down on this pretty but usually damp capital so confused rhododendron plants that they pushed forth blossoms in December, four months ahead of schedule. At the same time, up on Mount Hood, the majestic 11,235 foot mountain that looms over Portland like a craggy sentinel, drought was creating a crueler fate for Carl Reynolds, owner of the Multorpor Ski Resort.

In December, when flowers bloomed in the city below, and in January, when Portland residents dooned T-shirts and headed out to Pacific beaches for clambakes, resort owner Reynolds anxiously searched the skies for snow and silently cursed the drought.

"Normally, we get 90 inches of snow a year up here, about 60 inches of it from November through February," Reynolds said glumly. "In that time period this year we got five or six inches. Nothing like it ever happened in the history of weather records in Oregon.

The ski business was so bad, in fact, that Reynolds is seriously thinking of going into another line of work. "If I could find somebody who would buy the place," Reynolds said with disgust, "I'd sell."

Ski resort operators have not been the only victims of meager snowfalls. The entire Columbia River Basin, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, a sliver of Montana and a chunk of British Columbia in Canada, is dependent for its water on heavy rains and snows in the winter season.

"We need the winter snowpack because that is what feeds the rivers; the Columbia and its tributaries," explained Vail Schermerhorn, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service in Portland.

"We're in trouble, and there is no way that we can get out of the woods this year."

Snowpack runoff this year is estimated to be 57 million acre-feet of water, about half the normal amount and the lowest runoff ever recorded in the Columbia River Basin. (An acre-foot is 326,000 gallons, enough to cover an acre with water a foot deep.)

Throughout the basin there are thousands of little mountain streams that carry the melting snows of spring. The streams meander down the Cascade Mountains that march northward through Oregon and Washington. They flow down the ragged edges of southern Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains, and course down the Bitter Root Mountains that form a zig-zag boundary between Idaho and Montana.

The streams, when swollen, nourish great rivers like the Columbia and its major tributary, the Snake; but this year the streams are lean, and the rivers are starving.

The sluggishness of the rivers imperils the hydroelectric power that runs the Pacific Northwest and threatens the livelihoods of commercial fishermen, because fish migration is endangered by low river levels, and of farmers, because water is not available to irrigate their crops.

Scarce Power

Nearly 90 percent of the electricity generated in Oregon, Washington and Idaho is produced at 28 dams that straddle the Columbia and its offshoots. Usually, hydroelectricity is abundant and cheap, but this year it is neither because the water levels in the rivers are so low.

The aluminum industry in the Northwest, which supplies nearly one third of the nation's aluminum, has had its electricity cut back by 25 percent. The nation's aluminum, production has been reduced, in turn, by about 7 1/2 percent, according to James Vann, operations manager at the Alcoa Aluminum plant in Vancouver, Wash. A second year of drought would have "a substantial national impact" on aluminum production, Vann said.

The Alcoa factory recently laid off 192 employes because two electric powered potlines that melt raw alumina and convert it to aluminum had to be turned off.

The city of Seattle is spending $1 million a week - 20 times the normal cost - to buy electricity from other power companies. The Seattle City Light Co. is no longer able to generate enough power to meet the city's needs.

The Idaho Power Co. recently increased its rates 7.16 percent, raising the average residential bill $1.40 a month. and the drought in that state is even causing reverberations on Wall Street. Noting that the Idaho Power Co.'s Standard & Poor's rating dropped last November from A-plus to A, Robert F. Klumpp, the utility's senior vice president for finance, said, "Some buyers will completely exclude our company's securities from their lists of considerations because of our predominant dependance upon hydro-generation to produce electricity."

Many experts predict that brownouts and blackouts will become a part of everyday life this summer in much of the Pacific Northwest, and, says hydrologist Schermerhorn, "We will have power shortages or potential power shortages for years to come."

Fish Migration

The drought has slowed river velocity normally harnessed to produce hydroelectric power and has also upset the natural order of things for fish.

Because river levels are low, eight million fish are not swimming to the sea this spring. They are traveling by truck instead.

Normally at this time of the year, two-year-old chinook salmon and three-year-old steelhead trout migrate downstream from spawning grounds in the Salmon River in Washington and the Snake and head out to the Pacific via the Columbia to mature.

But in order to navigate the numerous dams in the Columbia River system, the fish need help from the dam operators. Usually the dams dump water over their spillways to aid the fish migration, but this year they cannot do so. Utility companies, seeking to trap every available watt of dwindling river power, have refused to permit the dams to spill any water.

To solve this problem, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers devised a plan called Operation Fishrun. About 4 million fish are being trapped in their spawning grounds, vacuumed through a hose into eight 3,500 gallon tanker trucks, and driven to the ocean.

Another 4 million fish are being scooped into two barges. After a 30 hour river voyage - at a cost of $11,200 for each one way trip - they too are vacummed aboard trucks and driven to the ocean.

"Handling, of course, is a stress for these fish," said Ed Mains, the biologist in charge of Operation Fishrun. "But we hope that by anesthetizing them with a 5 percent salt solution, we can keep mortality rate down to one-half of one percent."

Operation Fishrun may strike some people as rather weird, but Mains is convinced that the only alternative - allowing the fish to swin through the turbines in powerhouses below river dams - would decimate this year's fish population. In 1973, when the flow in the Snake River was low, more than 95 percent of the fish who tried to migrate out of Idaho were killed trying to pass seven dams. "It isn't the blades on the turbines that kill them," Mains explained. "The turbines turn very slowly and the space between the blades is big enough to put a cow through. What gets them is the pressure differential. The pressure changes from positive to negative, and the fish actually explode."

The fish that survive a trip through the powerhouse, Mains continued, are so stunned by the experience that they are easy prey for other fish or for seagulls who line up on rocks near the dams, waiting to pick the fish off.

If all goes well, the finny veterans of Operation Fishrun will spend three to four years maturing in the Pacific Ocean, before returning upstream to their birthplaces, there to breed and die. But scientists do not fully understand the migrating patterns of fish, and it is possible that if the fish did not swim downstream, they may not know how to swim upstream.

A hops shortage

The drought that is making life difficult for fish is also worrying farmers who irrigate their crops with water from the Columbia and its branches.

Dan Alexander grows hops - or rather, in the quaint language of the profession, he is a hop rancher - on 1,300 acres of irrigated desert in the Yakima Valley in south-central Washington, where two-thirds of the country's hops are produced. Alexander's supply of irrigation water, pumped from the Yakima River, which empties into the Columbia, and distributed by the Sunnyside Irrigation District, has been cut 50 percent this year.

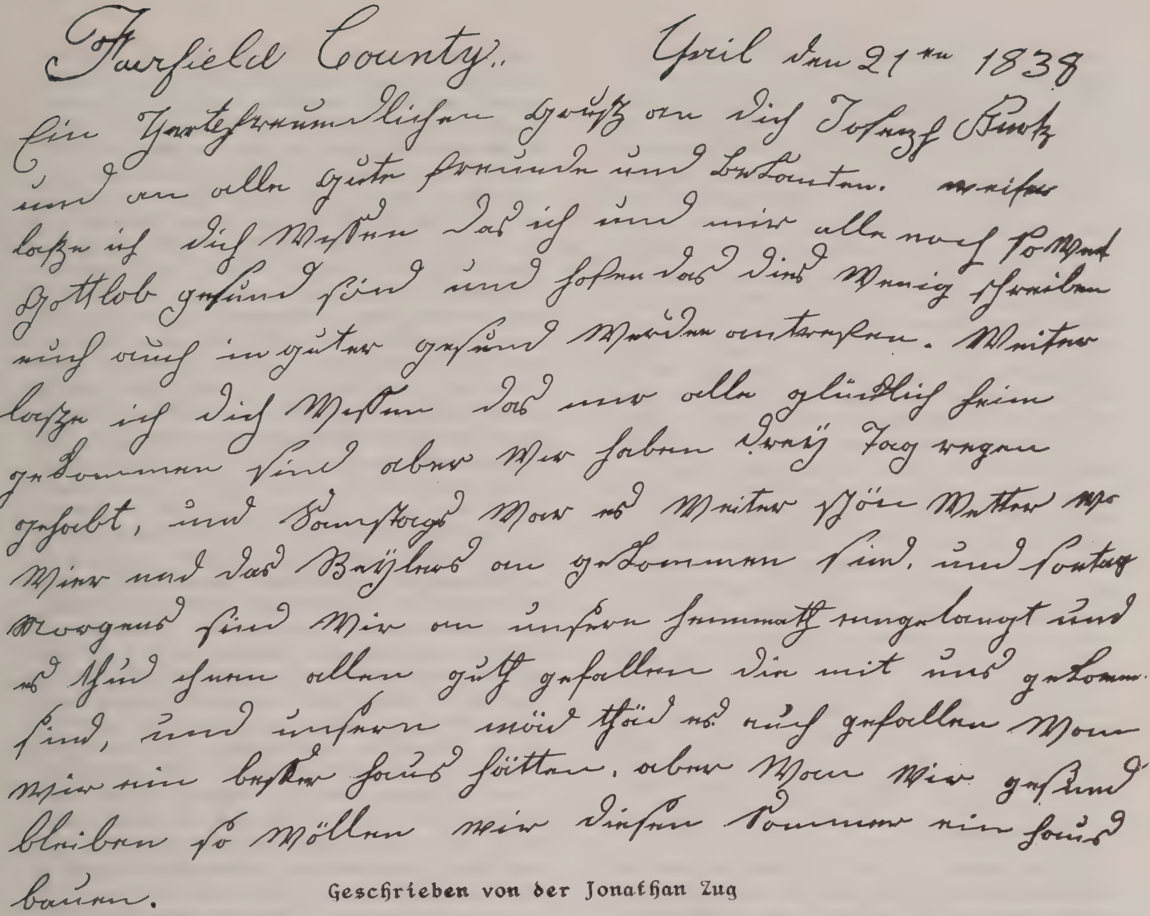
No hay

In Camas County, Idaho, farmers who irrigated 30,000 acres of high quality hay last year with water stored in reservoirs near the Snake River are not growing anything this year. "Never in history has it been so bad," said Idaho Gov. John Evans after touring the state's drought-parched counties. "It's much worse that it was in 1933 and 1934."

Because of the scarcity of mountain runoff water in Idaho, rangelands are withered and sere, stock ponds have dried up, and cows are not their usual, contented selves. "One of the biggest problems in this year of poor forage and short water supply," said rancher Tom McElroy, "is that the cows are refusing to breed."

Forest fires are another big worry in Idaho, and the Sawtooth National Forest may have to be closed to visitors this summer. "If we don't get rain by the end of May, we'll be in pretty serious trouble as far as fires go," said Robert Powers, the forest's fire dispatcher. "A little while ago, 135 acres in the park burned to the ground. The fire was started by an exhaust pipe on a car. Usually there's two feet of snow in that spot, but this year there was nothing but dead, dry grass."

There is little that forest officials can do to protect against drought - except count on the good sense of man.



Fairfield County.. April den 21ten 1838

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Geschrieben von der Jonathan Zug

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Fortsetzung folgt

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE MILLER FAMILY OF SHILLINGTON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

The youngest child of Abraham and Anna (Hostetler) Miller was (410) Susan Miller (113), born in 1805, died in 1894, married to Peter Petersheim, son of George Petersheim of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Tradition says they moved to Brothers Valley or the Glades section of Somerset County. The farm where they say that Petersheim lived is along the Pennsylvania Turnpike on the north side of the road, the first farm west of the Allegheny Tunnel. We will not go into details with this family as it had appeared in the 1974 issues of The Diary but will mention the names of their children, Lydia Petersheim, married to Christian Selders, they lived at Aurora, West Virginia; Christian Petersheim, married first to Barbara Miller, second to Lydia Hershberger; John Petersheim, married to Sarah Marner; Susan Petersheim, married to William Bender. After the death of Peter Petersheim, Susan married to John Kemp. To this union were born eight children—namely, Moses Kemp, married to Sarah Yutzy; Mary Kemp, who was the second wife of Christian Bender; Joseph Kemp, married to Susan Hochstetler; David Kemp, married to Elizabeth Yoder; Catherine Kemp, married to Isaac Thomas; Martha Kemp, married to John Schmucker; Elizabeth Kemp, married to Samuel Yoder; Simon Kemp, married first to Susanna V. Yoder, second to Catherine Schwartz.

Before we go any further with these descendants we wish to correct a few mistakes which occurred, in the March issue of The Diary, Page 68, No. (292), it reads, Mattie P. Miller married to Jonas I. Yoder, and it should read, Jonas I. Miller, and in the February issue, Page 46, No. (210), it reads, Samuel J. R. Miller married to Mable Schlabach as living in Paraguay, there was a misunderstanding in this family as the above mentioned Samuel Miller is a minister and bishop in the West LaGrange District in Indiana.

Next on the list of the children of "Shillington" Christian Miller is (411) Jacob Miller (1), very little is known of this Jacob although Raymond Olson of Danville, Kentucky, thinks that this was his great-great-great-great-grandfather who, we believe, died somewhere in Ohio. Jacob was believed to have been married to Catherine Hartman in Berks County, Pennsylvania. We at this writing do not know how many children were born to this union but we know of one son named Abraham Miller, born in Berks County on October 1, 1801, died in Defiance County, Ohio, on November 9, 1847, was married to Elizabeth Weaver on August 12, 1824, in Coshocton County, Ohio. Their son, Daniel Miller, was born in Mechanic Township, Holmes County, on June 14, 1832, and died at Dallas, Iowa, on November 18, 1911, was married to Abigail Layland on March 2, 1854, in Coshocton County, Ohio. Their son, John Philip Miller, was born in Clark Township, Coshocton County, on November 17, 1866, died at Wellman, Iowa, on December 30, 1933, was married to Delila Maude Flecther on March 3, 1891, at Knoxville, Iowa. Their son, Cecil Raymond Miller, born April 1, 1905, in Marion County, Iowa, died in Gary, Indiana, on October 10, 1947, was married to Shella Bernadine Jispanski on November 16, 1925. Their son, Omer Olaf Olson, is married to Betty Jean Miller, who, in turn, are the parents of Raymond Olson. Raymond has spent considerably much time in dearching his relationship and family ties on the Miller family and thinks that this information on Jacob Miller may be correct but still is not quite sure. He did this work while attending the Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington D. C. So if anyone has any additional information on this family kindly let us know through The Diary.

The next of the children of "Shillington" Christian Miller is (412) Susanna Miller (1), married to Christian Stutzman Jr., born January 8, 1758, son of Christian Sr. and Barbara (Hochstetler) Stutzman. In the Hochstetler - Stutzman Book by Dr. Harvey Hochstetler he lists Christian Stutzman Jr. as having married Elizabeth Steiner, which is probably correct but fails to mention that Christian Stutzman Jr. may have been married three times. For when the estate of Christian Beiler of Caernarvon Township was settled it mentions either two or three children of Christian Stutzman being his heirs through his late daughter, Marie Beiler. Although this needs more study we have sound evidence that Christian Jr.'s son, David, was the son of Susan Miller through a baptismal record which was found, or brought to light, in the last few years. It states that David Stutzman, son of Christian and Susan (Miller) Stutzman, was baptized by me, John Yoder, minister of the Gospel, of Berks County. (John Yoder was probably the successor to Bishop Jacob Hertzler.) It is not known at this time if David Stutzman was the only child of Susan Miller and Christian Stutzman or not. Christian Stutzman Jr. and most of their family moved from Berks County to Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. David Stutzman married to Sarah Miller, daughter of "Keim" Christian and Elizabeth (Hershberger) Miller. They moved from Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, to Fairfield County, Ohio, where he died. His widow, Sarah, then moved with one or two of the children to Elkhart County, Indiana, where she died. Their children were (413) Lydia Stutzman (412), born in 1830 in Fairfield County, Ohio, married to William Berkey, they moved to Goshen, Indiana; (414) Andrew Stutzman (412), married to Sarah E. Spangler; (415) Mary Stutzman (412), married to Jacob J. Miller, they, with their family, moved to Elkhart County, Indiana.

Next on the list of children of "Shillington" Christian Miller is (416) Fannie Miller (1), born in about 1769 in Berks County, married to Joseph Kurtz, born in 1765, son of Abraham and Barbara (Bollinger)

Kurtz of near Reading. The Joseph Kurtz family moved from Berks County to Juniata County, Pennsylvania. Some information has it that Joseph died in Berks County and just the widow and children moved to Juniata County. To this union were born nineteen children, the oldest, named (417) John Kurtz (416), was born in 1788, died in 1863, married to Phebe Kauffman. According to H. H. Martin's writings they lived in the Weaverland Valley and are buried at the Weaverland Mennonite Church. (418) Abraham Kurtz (416), born in 1789, died single; (419) Joseph Kurtz Jr. (416), married to a Kauffman girl and moved to New York State; (420) Henry Kurtz (416), born in 1792, married to a Kauffman girl and moved to Chester County; (421) Barbara Kurtz (416), born in 1793, died single in Millerstown, Pennsylvania; (422) Leah Kurtz (416), born in 1794, married to Jacob Sommer, son of Peter and Sarah (Yoder) Sommer, they moved to Ohio; (423) Samuel Kurtz (416), born in 1795, married to Mary E. Longacer, daughter of Jacob Longacer, they lived at East Salem in Juniata County, Pennsylvania; (424) Elizabeth Kurtz (416), born in 1796, she became the second wife of Abraham Mast; (425) David and Isaac Kurtz (416), they both lived in Juniata County, no further information available at this time; (426) Veronica, or Fannie, Kurtz (416), born in 1800, was the first wife of Abraham Mast, son of Christian and Susanna (Kurtz) Mast. (Christian Mast and family moved from Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Holmes County, Ohio, in the vicinity of Martin's Creek, around 1830). The address of Abraham Mast was Berlin, Holmes County, Ohio. To them were born seven children, all by his first marriage, (427) Susanna Mast (426), born in 1826, married to John Yoder, born in 1820, died in 1909, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Yoder. (Jacob Yoder was a son of Jacob and Christiana (Blank) Yoder of Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, who in turn was a son of "Strong" Jacob Yoder.) Their children are (427) Samuel Yoder (426), born in 1855, married first to Elizabeth Yoder, died in 1890, second marriage to Annie K. Beiler, daughter of Jacob Beiler of Lancaster County, children are (428) Susanna Yoder (427), married to Daniel F. Helmuth, son of Frederick Helmuth; (429) David Yoder (427), married to Amanda Kline; from the second marriage was (430) Katie Yoder (427), married to Eli D. Hershberger. There were five children born to this union, to mention one is Deacon Dan E. Hershberger of Staunton, Virginia. Eli Hershberger married second to Mattie E. Miller and third to Katie Ann (Gingerich) Schmucker, widow of Andy Schmucker, from the three marriages were born a total of nineteen children, most of them are in Holmes County, Ohio.

(431) Mary Yoder (427), born in 1858, married to John Schlabach, born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on February 18, 1856, their descendants are mostly in Holmes County, Ohio; (432) Jacob Yoder (427), born in 1860, married to Barbara Hershberger, daughter of Bishop Peter and Mary (Miller) Hershberger. (Barbara married her second husband, Christian C. Miller.) They lived in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, Ohio, and were the parents of five children, (433) Abraham Yoder (432), Shipshewana, Indiana, married first to Barbara L. Yoder, second to Annie J. Hershberger, third to Barbara (Miller) Kauffman; (434) Mary J. Yoder (432), married to Albert Wengerd, born in 1886, of Mt. Hope, Ohio; (435) Levi J. Yoder (432), of Dundee, Ohio, married to Emma L. Yoder; (436) John J. Yoder (432), born in 1891, married to Mary Miller. John at this writing is rather feeble and is living with one of his children at Dover, Delaware. To mention a few of his children are Levi J. Yoder, who moved from St. Mary's County, Maryland, to Path Valley in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and Barbara Yoder, married to Bishop Tobias Petersheim of Juniata County. (437) Susan Yoder (432), married to Jacob Lambright of LaGrange County, Indiana.

The second child of Abraham and Froney (Kurtz) Mast was (438) Francis Mast (426), born July 12, 1818, married to Jacob Yoder, also a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Yoder. They also lived in Holmes County, Ohio, and had six children, one of whom died at three years of age. (439) Susanna Yoder (438), born in 1853, married to Abraham Kurtz, son of Abraham and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Kurtz of Morgantown, Lancaster County. To them were born six children, of whom several died young but will mention a few, (440) Fanny Kurtz (439), married to Daniel Hertzler of Morgantown; (441) Jacob E. Kurtz (439), born in 1884, married to Rebecca Mast, daughter of Stephen H. Mast, they were the parents of Bishop Ira Kurtz and the well-known Minister Christian J. Kurtz, both of the Conestoga Mennonite Church of Morgantown; (442) Susan Kurtz (439), married to Amos Hartz. (443) Rebecca Yoder (438), born in 1855, married to John Y. Kurtz, born in 1855, son of John H. and Drusilla (Yoder) Kurtz. They had four children who have offspring, (444) Jacob Y. Kurtz (443), married to Barbara Miller, they lived in Holmes County, Ohio, but most of their family lived in LaGrange County, Indiana, although a son-in-law, Levi Troyer, married to Rebecca Kurtz, was a minister at Fredericksburg, Ohio, and they have a son, Atlee Troyer, who lives at Juniata County, Pennsylvania; (445) Elizabeth Kurtz (443), married to Eli N. P. Miller, they lived in Geauga County but several of their children are in Conewango Valley, New York; (446) Eli J. Kurtz (443), married to Katie Miller of Dundee, Ohio. (447) Christena Yoder (438), born in 1863 in Holmes County, Ohio, married to Solomon Schlabach, born in Fairfield County, Ohio, October 22, 1863. They lived about four miles north of Millersburg. He was ordained minister in 1898 and bishop in 1935. There is a large offspring of this family, including several ministers and bishops, in Holmes County. A grandson, Solomon Weaver, is minister and bishop and Allen Christian Schlabach, a son of Solomon Schlabach, was minister and bishop. He died while attending church services in 1944.

(448) Fannie Yoder (438), born in 1866 in Holmes County, married to Christian D. Schlabach, born in

1857 in Fairfield County, Ohio, son of Daniel and Mary (Yoder) Schlabach. They lived about four miles east of Millersburg on the old Jacob Yoder farm. To them were born four children, (449) Jacob C. Schlabach (448), born in 1896, married to Sadie Tice who was born in Geauga County, and now live near Millersburg. They had thirteen children, the oldest being Christian Schlabach who was ordained minister in 1965. Much credit must be given to Jacob C. Schlabach for information received from this family. He compiled a Schlabach Family Book in 1967 and I had some personal correspondence with him. He has in his possession a rocking chair which was handed down to him and had been owned by "Strong" Jacob Yoder, who was his great-great-great-grandfather. (450) Sarah Yoder (438), born in 1863, married to Moses Gingerich, son of Jacob and Barbara (Miller) Gingerich of Holmes County, Ohio. I have very little information on this family but if I have it right Sarah Yoder died after eleven months of married life so Moses Gingerich married the second time to Sarah Beachey, daughter of Moses Beachey of Holmes County. There are five children from his second marriage. He married the third time to Sarah E. Yoder and had one child.

The rest of the children of Joseph and Fannie (Miller) Kurtz of No. 416 are (451) Christian Kurtz, Jacob Kurtz, and Daniel Kurtz (416), born in 1801, 1802, and 1804. Some of these children probably died young as there are two more children in this family, named Jacob and Daniel. (452) Anna Kurtz (416), born in 1805, married to Jacob Lapp, son of Christian and Anna (Kauffman) Lapp of Chester County. They moved from the Chester Valley, north of Malvern, to Juniata County, Pennsylvania, in what is called the Lost Creek Valley in about 1850 or at about the time when the Amish Church was at its peak. Jacob Lapp had died before 1860 and left twelve children—namely, Stephen Lapp, Mary Lapp married to Isaac Sailor, Frances, Phebe, John, Lovina, Isaac, Elizabeth, Sarah, Emma, Samuel, and Louisa Lapp. It is doubtful if any of the above descendants are of the Amish or even of the Mennonite faith as several of the boys were partakers of some of the battles of the Civil War. (453) Jacob Kurtz (416), born in 1806, married to a woman by the name of Martz and lived in Juniata County; (454) Daniel Kurtz (416), born in 1809, also married a Martz and lived in Juniata County; (455) Susanna Kurtz (416), born in 1812, no information.

Next on the list of the children of "Shillington" Christian Miller is (455) Barbara Miller (1), married to Solomon Yoder, born in 1776 either in Berks County or in Somerset County, it being about the time when his parents, Pre. Christian and Barbara (Hooley) Yoder, moved to Somerset. To this union were born eight children, all born in Somerset County, but it appears that Solomon may have moved to Elkhart County, Indiana, later in his life. The children were (456) Susanna Yoder (455), born in 1798, married to Michael Yoder, son of Michael Yoder of Berks County, they moved to Wayne County, Ohio; (457) Yost Yoder (455), born in 1800, died in 1878, married to Rachael Yoder, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Holly) Yoder; (458) Joseph Yoder (455), born in 1801, died in 1886, married first to Mary Farmwald, married second to Anna Wagler; (459) Peter Yoder (455), born in 1804, died in 1849, married to Veronica Blough, they moved to Wayne County; (460) Leah Yoder (455), unknown; (461) Elizabeth Yoder (455), born in 1808, died in 1875, married to John Blough, they moved to Elkhart County; (462) Rachel Yoder (455), born in 1810, died in 1894, married to Jacob Yoder, he married second also to a Yoder and moved to Elkhart County; (463) Adam Yoder (455), born in 1812, died in 1890, married to Anna Schwinn and moved to Elkhart County. At this writing we do not know much about this family.

The youngest child in the "Shillington" Christian Miller Family was (464) Magdalena Miller (1), married to Abraham Hershberger, son of Peter Hershberger. Peter was listed on the ship, "Charming Polly," as a child. They landed at Philadelphia from Europe in 1737. He appeared in the Bern Township tax lists as late as 1760 which was about the time when Peter and his wife, Fronia, sold and moved to Bethel Township, Lebanon County, where he died in 1797 at which year his will was filed for probate on October 28, 1797. In his will his son, Abraham Hershberger, was to have the home farm in Bethel Township. Peter's son, Christian Hershberger, and his son-in-law, Christian Miller (better known as "Keim" Christ), were appointed executors of his estate. By 1810 Abraham Hershberger and his wife were under the census record in Somerset County, where they may have died. To Abraham and Magdalena (Miller) Hershberger were born three children—namely, (465) John Hershberger (464), born September 20, 1810, married to Elizabeth Lehman, born in Somerset County on October 28, 1808. In 1842 they, with seven other Amish families, decided to move to LaGrange County, Indiana. The moving was all done by horse and wagons. To John and Elizabeth (Lehman) Hershberger were born four children, (466) Frony Hershberger (465), born in February of 1832, married to Christian Bontrager, born in 1826 in Somerset County, son of Minister John and Anna (Yoder) Borntrager. (They moved from Somerset County to LaGrange County, Indiana, in 1844.) No children were born to Christian and Frony Borntrager. (467) Barbara Hershberger (465), born July 22, 1833, married to Tobias Kauffman, born April 3, 1827, in Holmes County, Ohio, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Blough) Kauffman of Holmes County and later of LaGrange County, Indiana. To them were born seven children, (468) Daniel Kauffman (467), of Goshen, Indiana, born in 1853, married to Amanda Smiley. They had three daughters—namely, Lelia Kauffman, Della Kauffman, and (469) Beulah Kauffman (468), born July 20, 1883, married to Solomon Gingerich, born in 1875, they, in turn, were the parents of Dr. Hugh F. Gingerich of Silver Springs, Maryland, who supplied a good bit of this information, with the help of S. Duane Kauffman of Perkasie, Pennsylvania. (470) John F. Kauffman (467), born in 1855, married to Amy Schrock, Limon, Colorado; (471) Samuel Kauffman (467), born in 1858, married first to Catherine Eash, daughter of Levi and Mary (Yoder) Eash. Samuel married second to Lizzie Byler. They moved from LaGrange, Indiana, to Oakland, California. (472) Mary Kauffman (467), born in 1862, married to Jonas Yoder of Shipshewana, Indiana. (472) Rudolph Kauffman (467), born in 1866, married to Betsy Miller, daughter of Moses P. Miller, LaGrange County. (473) Abraham Kauffman (467), born in 1868, married to Katie Kitson, Goshen. (474) Barbara Kauffman (467), married to Uriah Miller, of Middlebury, Indiana. (475) Noah Hershberger (465), born in 1837 in Somerset County, married to Susanna Eash, she was born in 1844 in Cambria County. They moved to LaGrange County, Indiana. To them were born thirteen children, being mostly affiliated with the Mennonite Church. (476) Susanna Hershberger (465), born in Somerset County in 1841. When she was five years old she moved with her parents to LaGrange County, Indiana, where she married first to Abraham Miller, son of Preacher David Miller, second to Jacob C. Mishler, son of Christian Mishler, no children were born to this union.

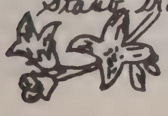
This is the end of the series on Christian (Daniel) Miller of Shillington, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Shillington is a suburb southwest of the city of Reading. As mentioned before, the old burial ground for this family was at the corner of their farm and is now under South Wyomissing Street.

It was just several years ago that I really realized that there are so many Amish descendants from this Miller Family. I believe we can say that seventy five per cent of all the Amish people in the United States can trace their ancestry to this notable Miller Family. I will make a list of the family again as they appeared in The Diary since August 1976.

1. Christian Miller Jr., married Catherine Kurtz, No. 1, August issue.
2. Elizabeth Miller, married John Ganegi, No. 54, September issue.
3. Abraham Miller, married Anna Hochstetler, No. 113, October issue.
4. Jacob Miller, No. 411, May issue.
5. Susanna Miller, married Christian Stutzman Jr., No. 412, May issue.
6. Fannie Miller, married Joseph Kurtz, No. 416, May issue.
7. Barbara Miller, married Solomon Yoder, No. 455, May issue.
8. Magdalena Miller, married Abraham Hershberger, No. 464, May issue.

The End

dein Stecken und
Stab tröstet mich
Ps. 23:4



Farming and Gardening in the Bible

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Chapter 2

Foreign Influences

No race and no country has a pure unmixed culture and civilization. The customs of contiguous nations and tribes, the innovations introduced by travellers, traders, and captives, the New Order imposed by conquerors, the agricultural heritage derived from earlier inhabitants, all contribute to the alloy of the melting pot.

Of foreign influences, those of Egypt and Babylon must be considered outstanding in their effect of the agricultural practices of the Israelites, while that of the dispossessed Canaanites, whose farms and gardens the conquering Chosen People moved into, inevitably set the pattern for land cultivation by the newcomers. It is still the soundest of agricultural advice that the new farmer follow the type and technique of farming which has a record of success on the other landholdings in the district, until mature judgment based on experience is attained.

Accordingly we shall take a look at the agronomies of Egypt and Babylon, with a briefer glance at the other kingdoms of Mesopotamia, as well as the later influence of Persia, Rome, and Greece, before moving over to the land flowing with milk and honey, the land of Canaan.

More than six hundred references of Egypt occur in the Bible; the first is in the 12th chapter of *Gensis*. There the patriarch Abram, accompanied by his nephew Lot, journeyed progressively westward from his native Ur, in Mesopotamia, towards Canaan, where he settled until one of the recurrent crop failures imperiled the lives of his cattle and made their survival dependent on reaching the rich pastures and grain fields of Egypt. The 13th chapter tells of the departure of Abram and Lot from Egypt, "very rich in cattle, in silver and in gold." They trekked towards Canaan but found that the grazing lands of the more northerly region provided scant fodder for their augmented herds, "for the land was not able to bear them." Wisely, they decided to part company.

From the Highlands of Gilead a camel caravan set out, laden with spices and precious ointments for the luxury trade of Egypt. Soon after crossing the Jordan, a band of sheep-tending Nomads hailed the traders; after a brief pause, the caravan wended its way south, its membership increased by a good looking young slave [*Genesis 37:25-28*]. So, Joseph reached Egypt and his fantastic career there. Came another famine, and Israel, his family and his flocks left Canaan and took up domicile in the fertile valley of the Nile.

The Children of Israel dwelt in Egypt for four hundred and thirty years; during that period Jacob's family and their children's children grew into a nation. At the Exodus there were "about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them" [*Exodus 12:37-38*]. When we consider that it will be more than one hundred years hence before the descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers have the same length of tenure in North America as the Israelites had in Egypt, and that for the greater part of their stay there is nothing to indicate that the Hebrews were not treated with consideration by the native Egyptians, it is logical to assume that the settlers shared and even accepted as their own way of life many of the practices of the Egyptians, including the arts of agriculture and horticulture in which the Nile dwellers excelled. That Pharaoh recognized his guests' ability in cattle raising is shown by his choice of Israelites to manage his own herds.

All the might of Egypt was tied to the rich silt of the Nile. Egyptian Mythology recognized its debt to agriculture, many of the deities having connection with fertility and irrigation. According to Diodorus Siculus, the god Osiris discovered agriculture in Egypt and later travelled far abroad teaching others the art. His wife Isis was the first to identify barley growing beside the Nile, and she domesticated it and brought it under cultivation. The god Tybi, under his alternate name Shefbodet, meant "sprouting of the grain", and his image was depicted holding a growing ear of corn. Some of the most important national festivities of Egypt were agriculturally significant, coinciding with critical dates in irrigation, planting and harvesting.

The land of Goshen, where the Israelites settled [*Gensis 47:6*] is believed to have been the northeastern delta of the Nile, a fertile territory where the practice of good delta farming would soon be the accepted custom of the later generations of Hebrews. The original ones, Jacob and his sons, were essentially cattlemen and shepherds, and their descendants retained their interests in flocks and herds, as well as adapting themselves to the intensive cultivation of the soil. The Hyksos or Shepherd Kings had been defeated and expelled by the reigning dynasty, according to some historians, and sheepmen were ostracized by the public. *Gensis* [*46:34*] tells us, "Every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians."

The story of Jospeh is equally the story of corn. (The biblical corn denotes cereal grain in general). The 47th chapter of *Gensis* tells how Joseph, acting as Pharaoh's corn controller, used his monopoly to strip the Egyptians progressively of their money, their cattle, and their land, and finally reduced them to the status of serfs. All that the Egyptians got in return was sufficient grain to eke out an existence for themselves and their families. Probably the seeds of their hatred of the Israelites may be traced to Joseph's hard bargaining.

From Egyptian records we learn that wheat, barley, millet, emmer and lentils were grown. So profitable was this cereal trade that it largely displaced the growing of grass. Even cattle were stall-fed with loaves of bread, to fatten them. Other domestic animals included sheep and goats, gazelles and pigs, the last being regarded as unclean. The injunction against the use of swine's flesh in the Mosaic Law may stem from the Egyptian taboo.

A wide variety of fruit was cultivated, including apples, pears, peaches, apricots, cherries, melons, grapes, olives, figs, dates, lemons and pomegranates. Amongst the vegetables were peas, asparagus, cabbage, celery, leeks, onions, cress, radishes and garlic. Flowers were much admired and roses, chrysanthemums, lilies, oleanders, narcissus, lotus, cornflowers and poppies flourished in Nile gardens.

Students of economics and politics may be interested to learn that probably the first comprehensive system of government control, and the establishment of a strong central government to plan and enforce such control, developed in ancient Egypt as a consequence of the necessity of regulating the periodic Nile overflows and floods, and administering an equable system of irrigation. Occasional high freshets would wash away banks and retaining walls, landmarks would disappear, and so a system of land measurement had to be devised; thus the rudiments of geometry came into being.

Ownership of land was vested in the crown, and farmed out under a type of feudal system. Rent was paid in cash or in kind, and the agricultural administration was organized with a bureaucratic system of licences and permits, inspectors and fines. The 4th chapter of *Genesis*, verses 20-26, tells us of enforced collective farming, while the evidence of priestly prerogative and double tithing may be considered to have influenced comparable edicts in the later Mosaic Law. "And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof. Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands. Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh; lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones....And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's." Joseph issued seed for only the initial sowing; succeeding plantings were to be furnished from the farmer's crop. Pharaoh claimed one fifth, which was a double tithe, but he probably allocated half of this, on tenth of the total, to the priesthood. In this way the priests remained subservient to Pharaoh and dependent on his bounty. Moses later stipulated that one tenth of the produce of the land should go directly to the priestly Levites, thus divorcing them from the control of the secular ruler.

The children of Israel did not take kindly to regimentation, and as Canaan had no irrigation system nor indeed much need of one, it is unlikely that the complicated regulations governing Nile farming had much influence in the agricultural development of the Promised Land. At least some of the tribes of the Exodus had retained their old nomadic attachment to flocks and herds; their leader, Moses, had spent years tending the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro, while a fugitive from Pharaoh. Accordingly, the Egyptian influence would be found more in animal husbandry, breeding and types of livestock, than in intensive cultivation of the soil and crop specialization. However, farming techniques and plant cultivation practiced in Egypt were transferred in some degree when the Hebrews finally settled down in Canaan, for only the tribes of Reuben, Gad and part of Manasseh chose to become full stockmen. (Numbers 32)

Becoming nauseated with the monotony of manna, the people cried to Moses, "Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick" (Numbers 11:4-5); and again, "Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth unto this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger" (Exodus 16:3). Their appetites and desires sharpened by the hardships of the desert, many of the weary Israelites must have planned a "little Egypt" farm in some sheltered valley of the Promised Land. That they did so seems probable, for the influence of Egypt was not left behind at the Red Sea. During the centuries of Bible history, Palestine and Egypt were allied by treaty and torn by war. In 320 B.C.about 100,000 Jews settled in Egypt. Each country provided a means of refuge for citizens of the other who had incurred the displeasure of the authorities, the best known example being the flight of Joseph and Mary with the infant Jesus to temporary safety in Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15).

There can be little doubt of the agricultural influence of Egypt on the Holy Land. Anyone who knows the farming practices of the Pennsylvania Dutch can trace the close ties with the proven methods of their German ancestors. The introduction (perhaps re-introduction would be more correct) of oriental composting methods to the English-speaking world by Sir Albert Howard and J. I. Rodale, and of European bio-dynamic soil treatment by E. Pfeiffer demonstrates the powerful and far reaching results of the efforts of a few able men.

Equally important, though documented less orderly than that of Egypt, was the agricultural heritage first derived from, and later imposed by, the countries of the Mesopotamian plains and foothills. Under a variety of names and alliances these nations flowed and ebbed around the nucleus of the Tigris and Euphrates. Here lay the Garden of Eden; above these inundated plains floated Noah in his ark; this was home to Abram's father and home to Abram for the first three-quarter century of his life, and the beauty and virtue of its women impelled Isaac and Jacob to seek wives there.

To the inhabitants of Sumer and Accad, cities giving their names to districts and peoples of the plain, modern civilization acknowledges its debt for some of the founding records of historical progress. The earliest preserved inscriptions featuring skilled agriculture are Accadian.

The Bible tells of various nations who developed this fertile alluvial soil. Sometimes different names describe the same territory and race, such as Babylonia and Chaldea, famous for intellectual leadership. (Gensis 10:10) mentions the cities of the old land of Shinar, and the succeeding chapter describes the rise and fall of the Tower of Babel there. Elam was once a great nation whose shores were washed by the Persian Gulf. Further north the dreaded Assyrians held sway. Mesopotamia, a Greed rendering of the native Aram Naharaim, lay between the higher reaches of the Tigris and the Euphrates, northwest of Chaldea.

The dwellers in Palestine lumped these countries together as the land of the people of the east. These nations fought among themselves and against Israel with varying fortunes, interspersed with periods of peace and friendship. In 721 B.C. Samaria capitulated to the armies of Sargon, the Kingdom of Israel collapsed, and its people disappeared from history, leaving only the standard of Judah to maintain the prestige of the race. Isaiah, writing shortly after the catastrophe, indicates how widespread was the foreign settlement of Hebrews, many of whom had emigrated or been taken captive prior to the Assyrian debacle: "The Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from the islands of the sea" (Isaiah 11:11).

Emigrants and immigrants, conquerors and captives, bring more to their new homes than their persons, their families and their goods. Their native culture is transplanted, and some takes root even in the most inhospitable soil. Folklore and country superstition often outlast more cultivated ideas. "We didn't do it that way back home," may be fighting words in new surroundings, but methods thrive long after tactlessness has been forgotten. Carefully preserved seeds and plant slips may be unknowing hosts to unwanted weeds and pests.

The Babylonian Captivity was comparatively brief compared with the sojourn in Egypt; its duration was little more than fifty years. Yet that half century allowed two new generations to attain maturity with only hearsay evidence of the farms and gardens of their homeland. It was long enough to kill the Hebrew language as the spoken tongue of the masses, to the extent that paraphrases of the Hebrew Scriptures had to be translated into Aramaic, the speech of the conquerors, in order that the fate of the language should not overtake the religion. Even the most race-conscious minority group feels this conformity pressure in a foreign country, and while the immigrant generation is usually immune, the succeeding native-born children are increasingly orientated towards the outside world. It is too early to estimate the influence which the British and European children, evacuated to this continent during the recent war, have taken back with them to their native lands, but there is no doubt that many of the rural-domiciled older boys and girls will introduce American farm practices taught them by their hosts. The Jews of the Exile, freed by Cyrus about 536 C.C., returned to rebuild the temple and restock the ruined farms of their ancestors, and seed, plants, animals and husbandry native to the valley of the Euphrates were transplanted to Palestine.

What the bamboo is to China, the date palm was to the Babylonian Empire. According to Gibbon, no less than three hundred and sixty uses were credited to this tree. It was a source of bread and syrup, vinegar and wine. Herodotus confirms the manufacture of date wine in Babylon and also refers to the importation of grape wine, carried by river boats from Armenia. Even the stones of the dates were processed and fed to cattle and sheep to fatten them.

The Babylonians knew and practiced the art of fertilizing female plants with pollen from the male. In the British Museum is a sculpture portraying a Babylonian priest or ruler shaking a male cone over the female flower. We still use this hand fertilization, notably with marrows.

Beer was brewed from barley and from wheat, and could be purchased only by surrendering an amount of grain equal to that comsumed in its manufacture. Heavy penalties were attached to infringement of this regulation, which was enforced to maintain an adequate supply of grain for food. The idea might commend itself to modern temperance advocates.

Apples, figs, apricots and grapes were grown, also almonds and pistachio nuts. Plane, cypress and acacia trees were common.

Both white and black goats, and white and black sheep, were raised for food and for their fleece, the white wool bringing premium prices. Cattle and pigs were fattened for the market. While the horse and the ass were extensively used for transportation, there is no record of their being hitched to the plow. Babylonian archives are singularly lacking in portrayal or description of agricultural implements and practices, but they are much more informative on regulations governing farming and the marketing of food. The Babylonians had legal minds and were thorough bureaucrats; the famous Code of Hammurabi (called Amraphel in Genesis 14:1) covered the widest range of social and economic conduct and transactions, including the legal and business aspects of farming and the buying and selling of produce. Each city had public markets with stalls assigned to the venders of cereals and herbs, fruit and vegetables, meat and poultry. Records of agriculture date from 8th century B.C. Dogs assisted the shepherds with their flocks, which included gazelles as well as sheep and goats.

The hanging gardens of Babylon were one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. The great Sargon I. had been a famous gardener and gardening was a popular hobby. Unlike Egypt, shepherds followed a respected calling in public regard.

According to the 10th chapter of *Gensis*, Nimrod, "the mighty hunter before the Lord," was the founder of Babylon; a marginal note in the same chapter credits

Nimrod with also building Nineveh, the Assyrian metropolis, although the text gives the honor to Asshur. Assyria, watered by the Tigris, specialized in war rather than in peaceful agriculture. Like the U.S.S.R., Assyria enforced mass transfers of population as national policy. Her absorption of the majority of the Israelites and their replacement in Palestine by Assyrians and Assyrian satellites had more far-reaching consequences on the destiny of the Hebrew race than any previous or subsequent event. Unfortunately, details of the agricultural implications are unobtainable.

From a farmer's viewpoint, the Assyrian rural scene had much in common with the Babylonian one. The story of Jonah and his famous gourd which came up in a night and, blighted by a worm, withered in a night, is the best known biblical reference to the plant life of Nineveh; from the final words of the Book of *Jonah* we learn that the Assyrian capital contained "much cattle." Its massive walls enclosed an urban area of about 250 square miles, and the raising of herds of livestock within the city limits was probably a defense precaution of the war-minded Assyrians.

A gap of four centuries occurs in Old Testament history and records, bridged only by fragmentary prophecies. Nehemiah is the last biblical historian, Malachi the last prophet, preceding the Christian era.

Only a small minority of the Jews took advantage of the proffered liberty to return to their devastated homeland. Most of them preferred the easier and accustomed life of Babylonia and Persia, where Books of *Daniel* and *Esther* are segments from the lives and fortunes of these willing exiles.

This scriptural gap is historically documented by secular texts. The Holy Land remained under Persian domination for a century after Nehemiah, until the overthrow of the Empire by Alexander the Great in 330 B.C. From that date until 167 B.C. Graeco-Macedonian sovereignty ruled Judea. Antiochus IV (Antiochus Epiphanes) went to great extremes to Hellenize the Jews, finally provoking the revolt of the Maccabees, which succeeded in establishing virtual independance by 141 B.C., and the rest of the country was later subjugated by the Romans. Herod the Great, Roman puppet king, ruled from 73-4 B.C. In New Testament times, Judea was an imperial province of Rome, ruled by a procurator or governor, but permitted a large degree of local autonomy or home rule.

The agricultural effects of these national changes must have been considerable. The Persian influence was largely a continuation of Babylonian practices, but Greece and Rome represented a new type of civilization, with all that that involves. In its simplest terms it meant that new and hardier varieties of cattle and plants were introduced by the occupying power. Western farmers too were hardier and not limited by the age-old and age-sanctified rural customs of the East. Pre-Christian Greece and Rome had highly developed agricultural and horticultural knowledge and practices, and much current literature is available on these subjects.

In the New Testament we find a few clues. Absentee ownership was common: "A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time"(Luke 20:9). Great estates had been broken up together with ancestral holdings and given to court favorites or collaborationists: "A certain mobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return" (Luke 19:12). The Moffat Edition substitutes "Royal power" for "kingdom." Farm labor had become a commercial commodity, rather than the outcome of a family or personal contract. Jesus speaks of the use of salt in composting, the first Biblical mention of this. In *Luke* (13:8) a gardener asks permission to use a Roman technique on an unproductive fruit tree. Paul, a great traveller and observer, addressing himself to Gentile converts in Rome, writes with professional knowledge of the grafting of olive trees, perhaps basing his choice of simile on a practice the Romans may have introduced into Palestine, although the Babylonians practiced grafting the male spathe of the date palm into the female spathe to ensure fertilization.

Specifically, Greece is credited with the introduction of the domestic hen into Palestine. Archaeological discoveries dating back to 200 B.C. depict fowls, and the accompanying inscriptions are in Greek.

Roman documents tell of grants of farms and small landholdings to war veterans, settlers in conquered provinces including Palestine. Pliny writes of the balsam plantations of the Holy Land, a Roman monopoly and highly esteemed both for its natural properties and as a source of wealth. Insurgent Jews sometimes sabotaged the Roman protected balsam groves. The most important and best effect of the Roman occupation was the *Pax Romana*, which allowed the peasants of Palestine to till their acres in peace.

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THERE'S WORK ENOUGH TO DO.

1.

The robin early leaves its nest
 To meet the smiling morn,
And gether fragments for its nest,
 From hillock, wood, and lawn,
The busy bee that wings its way
 Mid sweets of varied hue,
At every flower would seem to day;
"There's work enough to do."

2.

The cowslip and the spreading vine,
 The daisy in the grass,
The snow-drop and the eglantine,
 Preach sermons as we pass,
The ant, within its cavern deep
 Would bid us labor too,
And writes upon its tiny heap;
"There's work enough to do."

3.

The planets, at their Maker's will
 Move onward in their cars;
For Nature's wheel is never still,—
 Progressive as the stars.
The leaves that flutter in the air,
 And summer breezes woo,
One solemn truth to man declare,—
"There's work enough to do."

4.

Who then can sleep, when all around
 Is active, fresh, and free?
Shall man, creation's lord, be found
 Less busy than the bee?
Our courts and alleys are the fields,
 If men would search them through
That best the sweets of labor yield,
 And "work enough to do!"

Our Fatherland in America

The Schantz [Johns] Family

This is an old American Amish family name although it is pracitcally unknown or unheard of today. To our knowledge no Amish families exist by that name. If the name Schwantz derives from Schantz is not definitely known, but there is a possibility. So many various spellings are seen in Lancaster Co., Pa. legal documents of the Schantz name that are similiar to Schwantz that is does cause one to question the matter. Perhaps some of the later family do exist in western states. The late John R. Schwantz, was a well known Amish minister at Kalona, Iowa.

Other than that hardly any Amish Schantzes exist today. Although less than one hundred years ago, a Preacher Peter Schantz lived in Lee Co., Iowa, who was presumedly of our Lancaster Co., Schantz stock. The first Mennonite and Amish ministers list (1871) places Peter Schantz in Carlock, Illinois and another Amish minister, Christian Schantz at Congerville, Illinois. It is not known if they were related. The aforenamed Peter Schantz widow was married again to Christian Holley in 1888 (see Mast Book #1317). Like many other of our Fatherland pioneers, the maternal progeny is stronger. However, it is hard to give a direct lineage from our Lancaster Co. Schantzes, to present families, however, we feel they do exist. From the Joseph Schantz family of Johnstown, Pa., the maternal lineage to present generations is definite and much stronger. The late Preacher Hansie Bontrager family of LaGrange Co., Indiana, as well as other eminent Bontrager families derive direct from the later Schantz family, as well as descendants of Christian Eash of Somerset Co., Pa.

Inspite of the frail family lineage, from our Lancaster Co. Schantzes to the present generation, they are of notable importance to assemble early Lancaster Co. history. In past years not much attention was given to the West Conestoga, until we recovered the writings of the late John Beiler of Mechanicsburg, Pa. (Fisher Book #706), did we know the family names that dwelt there, nor much of the nature of this early Amish settlement. Another find by Deacon Joe Peachey of Belleville, PA., was an exchange letter from the Big Valley to the West Conestoga in 1804. From this letter we assume that the West Conestoga congregation was then in a backsliding state and Hans Beiler was their last bishop, and soon after moved to Big Valley. From the John Beiler writings we observe that the Johns (Schwantzes) were a prominent family, living there until very recently all our collections failed to give us much information on the ministry except that from Lancaster Co. assembly document filed in the National Archives at Washington D.C., we observe that Christian Rupp was likely a minister or at least a spokesman for the Amish in Lancaster Co., during the Revolutionary period. But now recently it was learned that a Hans Schantz sermon notebook is filed in the Lancaster Mennonite Archives (which I have seen personally) and is marked "Bishop Hans Schantz". This sermon book was formerly thought to be Mennonite, the script is high german, it is carefully preserved at the archives and access to it is limited. However, we have been informed by Leonard Gross, Goshen, Indiana, that he has copied about a half part of its contents. He kindly informs us that in the transcription process, the text has turned out to be more Amish than Mennonite. He will also make copies available to us. Although more observation needs to be done on the sermonbook, we even now fully assume that Hans Schantz was the first Amish bishop of Lancaster Co.

Hans Schantz came to America in 1737 abroad "Charming Nancy" with the first stable Amish group to settle in America. This group was formerly labeled (including these articles) as mostly Alsation Amish, but more recent studies show that they nearly all came from Switzerland and the Pfaltz, Germany. Although many of them were from the Jura regions which nearly borders Alsace. Other Amish on this ship were eminent families in our Fatherland, as Jacob Beiler, Jacob Mast, Christian Hershberger, Hans Zimmerman, Benedict Lehman, Christian Lichti, besides some Gerbers, Millers, Kauffmans, Erbs and another Jacob Shcantz, who may have been a brother to Hans

It is clear that the second generation of our Schantz family has turned in large to the Mennonite and Dunkart faith and the offspring has mainly stayed in Lancaster Co. for generations to come. As late as 1875, Upper Leacock Twp., Lancaster Co., retained four Johns homestead farms with East Lampeter Twp., one Johns family. Today the Lancaster Co. public directory lists 49 Johns entries with 25 living in Lancaster city. These are likely all descendants of our two pioneer Schantz families.

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THE NICHOLAS ERB JR. WILL

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liveing in the small house upon my said Plantation All the above Articles and Priviledges my beloved wife shall have during her Natural Life, from the Pofsefsor of my Plantation, And my Plantation shall be sold subject to the Same. Item, it is my will and I do order that my Executors hereafter named shall as soon as conveniently may be (after the Expiration) of Bloughs lease) sell and dispose of my Plantation and Lands situate in the Township of Lebanon aforesaid for the best price that may be gotten (Subject to what I have herein given and bequeathed to my Beloved Wife) to such person or persons as shall be willing to purchase the same Hereby empowering my said Executors or the Survivor of them to make such Deed or Conveyances for the same as will vest a Fee Simple Estate in such Purchaser or Purchasers. And my further will is and I do order that the money gotten for my Plantation shall be divided in manner following, That is to say, That my beloved wife Anna shall have the full one half thereof as the same shall become due that my youngest Brother Christian Erb shall have one hundred pounds Lawfull money gotten for said Plantation and that out of the first money that shall become due and that the remainder of the other one half of said Money after deducting the aforesaid sum of one hundred pounds shall be equally divided to and amongst all my Brothers and Sisters Share and share alike. Allowing the said Christian an equal share with the rest, But the money as the same shall be payable for my Plantation in Gales, my beloved Wife shall receive the first Gale and my Brothers and Sisters the second and so on Untill the whole money is paid. And my further Will is that my wifes Creatures shall have the Right to Graze with the Creatures of the same Kind belonging to the Pofsefsor of my Plantation in Summer Season. And my further will is that if my wife Anna shall not remain my Widow, that then she shall aequit my Plantation and be forever debarred of her Widow Seat. Any thing before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwith standing. And lastly I nominate and appoint my trusty and Loving Brother Jacob Erb and my Trusty Friend John Geneagy Junior to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking Disannulling and making Void all wills and Executors heretofore made by me Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness hereof I the said Nicholas Erb have hereto Set my hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

Witnesses:
Christian X Blough Jr.
Philip Marsteller

the mark of
Nicholas X Erb

Joseph F. Beiler

Our Fatherland In America

continued from last month

The Erb Family Associates

Perhaps the closest to the Erbs were the Schantzs and the Gerbes, who were their shipmates. Others in the near community were the Kurtzs, Peter Forney and Peter Holly. Intermarriages in the family were the Bishop Hans Schantz family, more than one Schantz intermarriage appears, but they are not all placed yet. The Christian Wenger family gives a marriage partner who also lived in the community. Other Mennonite names or semi-Amish names as Bucher, Scherrick, Hostetter, Eberly, Moyer, Brubaker, Longenecker, Graybill, Stauffer and Snyder appear in second generation marriages.

The Nicholas Erb Jr. Will

This will is not our of the ordinary to others of our forefathers, but we want to include it because it is very detailed. A few points of interest appear in the will, that should not be overlooked. Firstly, it is clear that he bequeathed a sum to the Amish meeting of which he was a member. Because it does not appear to have been entered in the Alms book, it leaves a question as to whether it was carried out to that extent by the executors, since Anna remarried to Peter Greybill shortly, and perhaps they jointly invested in the farmstead. Secondly, that he bequeathed a certain sum to Jacob, a son of his brother, John, who also lived just north of Lebanon, and appears a favorite out of his clan. It is very likely that they were Amish also. Thirdly, he writes about his widows' family expected in America inside a few years. A possibility stands that her family was related to the Esch family who came to America some time before this date, and some time after 1769, and also settled in the Lebanon Valley. Very few others in our Fatherland immigrated at this date, except the Nicholas Stoltzfus family. Fourthly, he was apparently a retired farmer when he died, because he leased his farm out to Christian Blough, which suggests that they were related to the Bloughs who also lived in Lebanon Valley. Fifthly, the executors were his brother Jacob, who was a member of legislature in 1787, and perhaps held a county office post earlier. The other executor was the well known Hans Gnagi who also lived in the Lebanon Valley.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, This twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine, I. Nicholas Erb otherwise called Clous Erb of Lebanon Township in the County of Lancaster and Province of Pennsylvania yeoman being at present sick and weak in body but of perfect and disposing Mind, Memory and Understanding Thanks be to God therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, That is to say, Principally and first of all I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it Trusting through the Merits of Jesus Christ to receive remission of all my sins and an happy Admission into the Regions of Bliss and Immortality. And as to my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and Decent manner. And touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. Imprimis, it is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Anna all my Beads, Bedsteads, Linens, Cloths, Chests, Clock and Kitchen furniture. together with all and singular my Household Goods, one mare and one Cow Allowing her my said wife the Choise among my Creatures and an Iron Stove. Item, I give and bequeath unto Jacob Erb the Eldest Son of my Elder Brother Hans Erb the sum of Five Pounds Lawfull money of Pennsylvania in full for his part or share of my Estate both real and personal to be paid to him out of my Personall Estate, Item, I give and bequeath to and for the use and Benefit of the Amish Meeting to which I now belong the sum of Ten Pounds Lawfull money of Pennsylvania to be paid out of my Personal Estate And my further will is that after my Just Debts and the above Legacies be paid out of my Personal Estate that then the remainder of my personal Estate after the same be converted into Cash shall be kept in the hands of my Executors in order to help and assist the Relations of my wife which we expect to come from Germany, And if my wifes Relations Do Come at any time within the term of three years and six months after the date hereof that then they shall have the use of such money for the term of three years without paying any interest for the same. And at the expiration of the said three years the relations of my wife shall pay such money as they have received to my executors hereafter named, and they my said Executors, shall give the one half thereof unto my beloved wife Anna and shall divide the other one half amongst my Brothers and Sisters or their representatives in equal shares amongst them. But if the relations of my wife should not come to this Country within the term of three years and six months as aforesaid. That then and in such cases my Executors shall devide such money in manner as above is directed. Item, my further will is and I do order that Christian Blough shall enjoy my Plantation according to the agreement which I have made with him and the rents arising out of my Plantation shall be divided in Manner following. That is to say my beloved wife Anna shall have the first years rent and my Brothers and Sisters the second years Rent and so on during the time of Bloughs lease, That my said wife gets the one half of the rents and my Brother and Sisters the Other half. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Anna the Liberty and Priviledge of living upon my Plantation during her natural Life and I do give unto her the Room behind the kitchen, for her to live in sufficient Kitchen Garret and Celler Room in my house sufficient Stabeling for her Creatures and room for her to put her food and yearly as much straw as she shall have need for to feed her Creatures the Liberty of putting as much firewood upon my Plantation as she shall have occasion for. The use of the one half of the Garden before the House and one Quarter of an acre of Meadow Ground, the Garden and Meadow Ground shall be sufficiently dunged yearly. And the use of two appel trees Length ways through my orchard allowing her my said wife the Choice yearly. But if my said wife would incline to live in a house by herself She shall have the priviledge of

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INJURIES FATAL TO OAKLAND, MD., TOT

Timothy R., age 15 Mo., son of Levi E. Miller's, was fatally injured in a farm tractor accident Friday, June 3rd. He received severe head injuries when the front wheel of a tractor went over his arm and head. He was first taken to the Oakland Hospital then transferred to Morgantown, West Virginia, where he died the next day. (See obituary)

COMMUNITY NOTES – Ethridge, Tennessee

Daniel, son of Pre. Mose A. Yoder's broke a chip off a bone on his ankle while wrestling with a friend.

Moses J. Gingerich had a freak accident while snaking logs. When passing a stump with an ax stuck in it, his lines caught the ax handle and he received a cut in his arm that required 27 stitches. It was a deep cut having two sewed up layers underneath the top sewed up wound.

Mrs. Enos M. A. (Mary) Yoder was in both Murry County Hospital and Mentol Hospital for several weeks, had infection and other troubles. She is at home again and doing fair.

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS, ACCIDENTS

Bishop Menno S. Miller was injured Wednesday, June 8, while working in his shop at home making bushel crates. He got his arm into the saw while reaching over it, cutting the lower side of his right arm. He was taken to the Champaign Hospital where they found that a blood vessel had been cut, he was given several pints of blood and treated. He returned home June 13th and at last reports was getting along fine.

Lary, age 4 years, son of Daniel F. Schlabaugh, was injured when he fell down the hay hole of a barn Sunday, June 12, striking his head which caused a fractured skull, some brain concussion, and a broken arm. He was taken to the Decatur Hospital where he stayed about a week, is at home again and getting along nicely.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, PA., ACCIDENT

The Aaron K. and Betty Esh Family of Newburg were injured Wednesday, June 29, when their spring wagon was struck from the rear by a pick-up truck, driven by a close neighbor who has poor eyesight. The girls, riding on back of the spring wagon, had their feet over the tail gate. They were all thrown out. Wilma, 10, has a broken hip and is in body cast; Sara, 7, has a concussion, and a badly injured foot on which they operated and may have to operate again; Anna Mary, 5, was not hurt; Little David had cuts and bruises around his nose and mouth; Betty has her collar bone broken; and Aaron had brush burns and bruises. They are coming along as good as can be expected.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Steuben County, Indiana

Elizabeth B., age 3 years, daughter of Ben and Annie (Schwartz) Borntreger, had the misfortune of getting the first finger of her right hand in the drill press Tuesday, May 17, while visiting in Bowling Green, Missouri. She was a patient in the Louisianna Hospital overnight where they took off half of her finger. It is healing nicely.

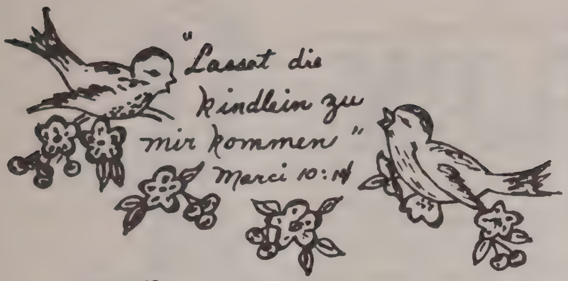
ALLEN COUNTY, IND., ACCIDENT

Esther, age 10 years, daughter of Fred and Rosina Graber, received a light brain concussion when she fell from the hay mow where they were playing. She had to be in the hospital a few days, but is improving.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Chesley, Ontario

Daniel, son of Dan D. Yoder Jr., broke his arm while playing. It is healing nicely.

Jacob C. Hershberger had a heart attack on June 19th, was in the hospital a few days, but was gaining a little the last few days.



BIRTHS

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Beiler, Amos E. (Sally Smucker) New Holland R2, a dau. **Susie S.** June 23
Beiler Josiah (Anna Beiler) Christiana R1, a son **Levi J.,** June 29
Beiler, Samuel E. (Annie Lantz) Quarryville R3, a dau. **Mary L.,** June 23
Beiler, Samuel Beiler (Sarah Fisher) Christiana R1, twin sons, Amos F. and Alvin F., June 28 June 28
Blank, Jacob E. (Lizzie E. Kauffman) Quarryville R4, a dau. **Sarah,** June 29
Esh, Simeon D. (Mary S. Beiler) Quarryville R3, a dau. **Naomi,** Jun2
Fisher, Daniel M. (Sadie S. Petersheim) Strasburg R1, a son, David P., June 30
Fisher, Samuel F. (Sadie K. King) Lancaster, a dau. **Ada Mae,** Ju17
Glick, Daniel K. (Emma S. Stoltzfus) Lancaster, a son **Amos S.** Jun3
Glick, Ephraim (Anna Stoltzfus) Lancaster, a dau. **Barbara,** June 30
Glick, Gideon S. (Lizzie Esh) Leola R1, a daughter, June 30
Glick, John (Lydia Stoltzfus) New Holland R3, twin daughters **Lydia & Lizzie,** June 20
Glick, Joseph H. (Fannie J. Kauffman) Quarryville R3, a son **Daniel,** June 16
Glick, Simeon S. (Mary S. Zook) Quarryville R3, a dau. **Feenie Z.** June 19
Hershberger, Jacob (Annie Zook) Peach Bottom R2, a son **Christian** June 8
King, Benjamin (Rachel Lapp) Lancaster, a son **David L.,** June 17
King, Bennie L. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Kirkwood R1, a son **Joel S.,** May 18
King, Benuel H. (Sylvia K. Fisher) Lancaster, a dau. **Elizabeth F.** June 24
King, Christ K. (Anna S. King) Honey Brook R2, a son **Reuben,** June 12
King, Christ S. (Anna M. Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son **Benuel S.,** June29
King, David B. (Lena Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son, **Steven S.,** May 18
King, Jacob B. (Esther S. King) Honey Brook R1, a dau. **Emma K.,** June 14
King, Jonas K. (Susie K. Lapp) Quarryville R1, a son **Benuel,** Jun 15
Lapp, Amos (Sadie King) Gordonville R1, a son **Michael,** June 27
Lapp, Jonathan E. (Elizabeth Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a dau. **Sadie Mae** June 24
Miller, Amos (Susan Huyard) Peach Bottom R2, a son **Stevie,** Jun 10
Miller, Emanuel (Fannie Ebersol) Bird In Hand R1, a dau. **Rachel,** June 18
Miller, John F. (Hannah S. Fisher) Paradise R1, a son **Levi F.,** Ju 22
Riehl, Daniel E. (Mary L. King) Oxford R3, a dau. **Sallie K.,** June 6
Smucker, Christian H. (Anna Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a daughter **Anna Marie,** June 8
Stoltzfoos, Benuel Jr. (Mary Fisher) Gordonville R1, a daughter **Barbara F.,** June 20
Stoltzfoos, Samuel F. (Fannie Beiler) Gap R1, a son **Samuel,** June 1
Stoltzfus, Amos F. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Lititz R3, a dau. **Mary S.** May 31
Stoltzfus, Andrew K. (Ruth M. Dienner) Gordonville R1, a son **Elmer D.,** June 24
Stoltzfus, Ben L. (Lydia Ebersol) Kirdwood R1, a son **Daniel E.** May 28
Stoltzfus, Benuel (Annie S. Esh) Honey Brook R1, a son **Mark E.,** June 10
Stoltzfus, Daniel E. (Mary M. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a daughter **Mary S.** June 8
Stoltzfus, Daniel R. (Hannah S. Fisher) Lancaster, a son **Gideon F.,** June 7
Stoltzfus, Elias L. (Mattie K. Lapp) Kirkwood R1, a dau. **Annie L.,** June 22
Stoltzfus, Henry (Lizzie King) Leola, a son **Jerry,** June 15
Stoltzfus, John B. (Melinda S. Glick) Leola, a son **Daniel G.,** June 18
Stoltzfus, John F. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Morgantown R1, a son **Amos M.,** June 19
Stoltzfus, Joseph B. (Mary R. Beiler) Christiana R1, a son, June 24
Stoltzfus, Melvin S. (Rachel Smucker) Gordonville R1, a son **Leroy Jay,** June 4
Stoltzfus, Melvin (Rebecca Fisher) Narvon R2, a dau. **Lydia F.,** June 16
Zook, Amos B. (Priscilla King) Lancaster, a dau. **Susie K.,** June 18
Zook, Jonas S. (Elizabeth S. Esh) Lancaster, a dau. **Emma E.,** Ju 29

Dover, Delaware

King, Jonas J. (Gerty Byler) Dover R2, a son **Andrew,** June 14
Mast, John H. (Iva Witmer) Dover R5, a dau. **Carolyn Jean,** June 25
Yoder, Ezra J. (Lydia Swartzentruber) Hartley R1, a dau. **Barbara** June 15

St Mary's Co., Maryland

King, Sam (Lizzie Yoder) Mechanicsville, a son **Jacob,** June 27.
Yoder, Jacob (Gertrude Swarey) mechanicsville, a son **Johnny,** June 18

Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania

Esh, Christ S. (Hannah Smoker) Newmanstown R1, a son **Amos,** June 11.

Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania

King, Ammon B. (Mattie Lapp) Allenwood R1, a son **Ephraim,** June8
Lapp, John K. (Fannie Fisher) Allenwood R1, a son **Aaron,** April 21

Montour Co., Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Jacob M. (Rachel Zook) Danville R3, a son **Samuel,** June23

Centre Co., Pennsylvania

Esh, John Z. (Hannah Stoltzfus) Bellefonte, a dau. **Barbara Linda** June 13

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Centre Co. [Brush Valley] Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Sam F. (Lydia Riehl) Rebersburg, a son **Elam**, June 24

Juniata Co., Pennsylvania

Renno, Gideon L. (Salina Yoder) McAlisterville, a son **Amos Josh** June 27.

Yoder, Dan A. (Edna Weaver) Mifflintown R2, a dau. **Esther**, Jun13

Path Valley, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Enos (Sarah Stoltzfus) a son **Bennie F.**, June 16

Franklin Co., Pennsylvania

Fisher, Gideon (Barbara) Newburg R1, a son **Gideon A. Jr.**, May 24

Oakland, Maryland

Miller, Levi E. (Mary Yoder) a son **Andrew Jay**, May 16

Yoder, Paul J. (Naomi Schrock) a dau. **Heidi Marie**, June 12

Somerset Co., Pennsylvania

Kinsinger Samuel A. (Effie Summy) Meyersdale, a son **Daniel**, June 14

Crawford Co., Pennsylvania

Troyer, Joe (Anna) Conneautville R3, a dau. **Amanda**, June 16

Geauga Co.

Bricker, Ervin W. (Gertie Miller) a son

Fisher, Atlee E. (Sally Leslein) a son **Atlee Jr.**, June 28

Fisher, John D. (Emma Miller) a son, June 2

Gingerich, John J. (Fannie Shrock) a son **Adam**, May 29

Mast, Andy N. (Lydia Miller) a dau. **Malinda**, June 11

Miller, David J. (Mary Ann Byler) a dau. **Sara Ann**, June 24

Miller, Eli J. (Katie Byler) a son **Eli Jr.**, June 1

Miller, Ervin E. C. (Mary Ann Miller) a dau. **Barbara**

Miller, Joe J. (Alma Miller) a son **Joey**

Miller, Melvin M. (Fannie Byler) a dau. **Elsie**

Miller, Menno D. (Betty Wengerd) a son **Joey**, May 25

Miller, Menno J. (Martha Kurtz) a son **Jonathan**, June 19

Miller, Simon A. (Annie Fisher) a dau. **Ellen**

Troyer, Paul E. (Sadie Yoder) a son **Matthew**, June 21

Yoder, Mahlon D. (Fannie Yoder) a dau. **Edna**, June 4

Wayne Co.

Mast, Levi S. (Arie Raber) Fredericksburg R1, a dau. **Leanna**, May 25

Mast, Levi S. (Esther Hochstetler) Fredericksburg R2, a son May 24

Miller, Andy J. (Katie Hershberger) Apple Creek R2, a stillborn dau **Martha**, May 22

Miller, Robert R. (Mary Beachy) Fredericksburg R2, a dau. **Marilyn** June 16

Holmes Co., Ohio

Erb, Leroy L. (Barbara Miller) Sugarcreek R1, a son **Ura Allen**, May 29

Keim, Jonas A. (Emma Raber) twin daus. **Clara & Christina**, May 9

Kline, Roy (Fannie Schlabach) Millersburg, a son **Edward**, May 17

Miller, Andy (Marie Kline) Holmesville R1, a dau. **Naomi**, May 10

Miller, Pete S. (Anna Miller) Millersburg R5, a son **Cephas Dean**

Miller, Wayne E. (Lydia Ann Weaver) a son **Nathan**, May 31

Raber, Eli E. S. (Mary Schlabach) Sugarcreek R1, a son **Ivan**, June 19

Raber, Sylvanus (Katie Ann Miller) Baltic R1, a son **Ervin**, June 14

Troyer, Atlee E. (Katie Stutzman) Millersburg R5, a dau. **Mabel**, June 19

Weaver, Wayne R. (Martha Gingerch) Millersburg, a dau. **Maurita**, June 5

Wengerd, Crist (Edna Kuhns) Holmesville R1, a dau. **Emma Arlene** May 2

Yoder, Jonas J. L. (Mabel Hershberger) Baltic R1, a son **Dennis**, June 17

Yoder, Mose J. (Ada Yoder) Baltic R1, a dau. **Ada Mae**, May 25

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Roman H., Millersburg R2, a dau. **Betty**, June 1

Yoder, Roman N. (Ella Yoder) Baltic R1, a son, June 28

Mio, Michigan

Miller, John E. (Fannie Beachy) a son **John Daniel**, May 17

Yoder, Fred R. (Ada Mae Gingerich) a dau. **Tabitha Ann**, May 8

Centreville, Michigan

Bontrager, Tobias L. Norman (Miller) Centreville R1, a daught. **Martha Marie**, June 18

Hochstetler, Vernon (Katie Mae Burkholder) Centreville R1, a son **Christopher**, June

Yoder, Ben (Alice Gingerich) Colon R1, a dau. **Ida Caroline**, May 22

Yoder, Marvin (Sylvia Bontrager) Centreville R1, a son **LaMar Ray** May 25

Steuben Co., Indiana

Schwartz, Joel N. (Anna S. Schwartz) Hamilton, a dau. **MARY**, May 2

Wagler, Daniel (Lena R. Schwartz) Hamilton, a dau. **Elizabeth**, May 31

Wagler, Jonas (Margaret S. Schwartz) Hamilton, a son **Samuel**, May 23

Allen Co., Indiana

Graber, Edwin (Lucy Graber) a son, June 19

Graber, Elmer (Martha Zehr) a son **Festus**, May 31

Schwartz, Rudy (Lydiann Schwartz) a dau. **Malinda**, June 10

Schwartz, Samuel (Emma Graber) a dau. **Amanda**, June 2

Adams Co., Indiana

Christner, Harvey C. (Mary Schwartz) Berne R2, a son **Danny**, April 12

Christner, Sam (Anna E. Girod) Geneva R2, a son **Roman**, June 9

Eicher, Ben B. (Margaret Wengerd) Geneva R1, a son **Ernest**, May 27

Eicher, Menno (Edna Petersheim) Geneva R2, a dau. **Ida**, June 7

Eicher, Sam J. (Edith D. J. Schwartz) Berne R2, a dau. **Martha**, June 10

Girod, Jerry M. (Rosina Christner) Geneva R2, a son **Menno**, Apr. 18

Girod, Samuel J. (Rosa F. Schwartz) Geneva R2, a dau. **Marie**, April 23

Graber, Christ A. (Elizabeth E. Schwartz) Geneva R2, a son **David**, June 19

Graber, Christ R. (Mattie Bontrager) Geneva R2, a dau. **Lydia**, Apr.

Graber, Reuben R. (Edna Mae Miller) Geneva R2, a dau. **Elizabeth**, June 11

Hilty, Amos E. (Maggie J. Graber) Geneva R2, a son **Christ**, June 8

Kauffman, Andy (Annie Troyer) New Haven R1, a son, **Edward**, May 21

Miller, Emanuel (Lydiann Schwartz, Monroe R1, a son **Joe**, May 27

Schwartz, Amos R. (Mary Ann G. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a son **Enos** April 25

Schwartz, Emanuel H. (Martha M. Hilty) Berne R1, a son **Henry**, June 3

Schwartz, Jacob W. (Fannie Zook) Monroe R1, a dau. **Mary**. April23

Schwartz, Jake F. (Mary Schwartz) Geneva R1, a dau **Christine**, April 3

Schwartz, Joe D. J. (Margaret Eicher) Berne R2, a dau. **Mary**, May9

Schwartz, Joe K. (Lizzie R. Wickey) Geneva R2, a dau. **Katie** June

Schwartz, John K. (Anna A. Hilty) Monroe R1, a son **Lonnie**, May 9

Schwartz, John L. (Lizzie G. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a dau. **Amanda**, April 21

Schwartz, Levi A. (Maggie Schwartz) Monroe R1, a dau. **Fannie**, April 5

Schwartz, Menno G. (Katie Christner) Geneva R1, a dau. **Katie**, June

Schwartz, Menno J. (Rosemary Miller) Geneva R2, a dau. **Sarah**, May 15

Schwartz, Raymond B. (Maggie K. Hilty) Berne R1, a son **Mahlon**, May 16

Wengerd, Danny (Anna L. Schwartz) Berne R1, a dau. **Anna**, Apr23

Wickey, David E. (Lovina Girod) Berne R1, a son **William**, May 23

Wickey. Jake R. (Anna Mae Steury) Berne R1, a dau. **Susan**, June 5

Wickey, John S. (Lizzie U. Schwartz) Geneva R2, a son **David**, June

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Bontrager, John L. (Mary Weaver) Shipshewana R1, a son **Mark J.** May 29

Eash, Willis H. (Susie Ellen Kurtz) Topeka R2, a dau. **Erma Sue**, June 4

Frey, Daniel (Lee Etta Bontrager) Millersburg, R1, a dau. **Suetta** June 25

Frey, Leonard (Erma E. Wingard) Topeka R2, a dau. **Marlene Ann**, June 1

Graber, Ernest (Wilma Miller) Topeka R2, a son **Aaron E.**, June 15

Hochstedler, Levi H. (Katie J. Raber) LaGrange R1, a dau. **Malinda L.**, June 3

Lambright, Cletus (Lorine Schlabach) a son **John**, June 6

Lehman, Wilbur (Lizzie Miller) Shipshewana R2, a dau. **Sarah W.** June 7

Miller, David Lee (Sara Etta Hochstedler) Wolcottville R2, a dau. **Marianna D.**, May 27

Miller, Jerry F. (Elizabeth Ann Miller) Topeka R1, a son **Maynard J** June 4

Miller, Willis (Anna Fry) Topeka R2, a son **Lloyd W.**, June 16

Schlabach, Mahlon (Treva Yoder) Topeka R2, a son **Glen Ray**, June 20

Schmucker, Edward W. (Esther Raber) LaGrange R4, a dau. **Lydia E.**, June 3

Schrock, Harley (Susie Hochstedler) a son **Freeman H.**, June 9

Schwartz, Levi H. (Anna Gingerich) Shipshewana R2, a dau. **Mary**, May 29

Slabach, Ernest (Martha Gingerich) a son **Irvan E.**, May 29

Yoder, Perry (Amanda Bontrager) a son **Merle Dean**, June 16

Yoder, Orval Dean (Linda B. Herschberger) LaGrange R1, a dau. **Marlene Kay**, June 4

Elkhart Co., Indiana

Schlabach, Elmer (Rosa Burkholder) Goshen, a dau. **Sara Joan**, June 1

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman L., Middlebury, a son **Steven**, Jun 16

Yoder, Melvin (Susan Yoder) Middlebury, a son **Marlin**, June 10

Kokomo, Indiana

Miller, Raymond (Mary Kiegsecker) a dau. **Karen June**, June 11

Arthur, Illinois

Schrock, Noah H. (Martha Lucille Diener) a son **David Leon**, June 23

Schrock, Roger (Anna Mae Diener) a dau. **Wadena Mae**, May 29

Guthrie, Kentucky

Yoder, Melvin (Mattie Hochstetler) Guthrie R2, a dau. **Ellen**, Jun 11

Jamesport, Missouri

Detweiler, Joe T. (Mattie Schrock) a daughter **Rosie**, June 15

Ropp, Henry C. (Susie Kauffman) a son **Andy**, June 14

Audrian Co., Missouri

Miller, Jonas F. (Rachel Beachy) Clark, a dau. **Mary**, May 31

Shetler, Eli (Barbara Gingerich) Clark, a dau. **Mattie**, May 31

Yoder, Reuben Jr. (Ameila Petersheim) Clark, a son **Reuben Jr.** June 10

Webster Co., Marshfield, Missouri

Yoder, Mahlon (Lizzie Yoder) a son **Jonas**, June 20

Mays Co., Oklahoma

Miller, Cristie (Edna Yoder) a dau. **Esther Elaine**, May 18

Reno Co., Haven, Kansas

Fry, Glen D. (Arlene Miller) Haven R2, a dau. **Kristine**, June 23

Helmuth, Glen L. (Mary Edna Schrock) Hutchinson R2, a son **Toby Jason**, June 9

Reno Co., Kansas

Yoder Jacob Lee (Mary Lou Jones) Hutchinson R1, a dau. **Marietta**, June 11

Johnson Co., Iowa

Helmuth, Elmer (Ida Hochstedler) a dau. **Ruth**

Miller, Paul T. (Mary Bontrager) a son **Harley**, **June 9**

Buchanan Co., Iowa

Gingerich, John (Lydia Gingerich) Hazleton, a stillborn son **Simeon**, June 22

Nisley, Daniel (Elmina Schmucker) Hazleton, a dau. **Betty Jane**, June 19

Raber, Andy C. (Freida Yoder) Hazleton, a son **Daniel**, May 28

Raber, Emanuel C. (Sovilla Miller) Independence, a son **Emanuel Jr.** June 5

Yoder, Abe (Edna Kauffman) Independence, a son **Andy**, June 19, died June 21

Bloomfield, Iowa

Yoder, Daniel D. (Irene Gingerich) a son **Howard**, May 26

Medford, Wisconsin

Gingerich, Levi (Katie Borntrager) daughter **Lovina**, June 14

Lee, Jake (Fannie Mast) a daughter **Mary**, June

Hochstetler, William (Katie Ann Borntrager) a dau. **Mary Anna**, June 11

Miller, Clemens (Anna Borntrager) a daughter **Barbara**, June 9

Blair, Wisconsin

Lambright, John (Dora Schrock) a daughter **Lucile**, June 28

Medford, Wisconsin

Lehman, Eli (Barbara Mast) a daughter **Roseanna**, May 10

Utica, Minnesota

Borntrager, Amos V. (Anna Marie Schwartz) Utica R1, a son **Amos** May 29

Canton, Minnesota

Miller, Levi D. (Anna Hershberger) a daughter **Emma**

Milverton, Ontairo

Kuepfer, Amos (Clara) a son **Manuel**, June 12

Wagler, Gideon (Nancy Kuepfer) a daughter **Elizabeth**, June 23

Grey Co., Ontario

Yoder, Dan D. Jr. (Savilla Hershberger) a daughter **Mary**, June 20

Norwich, Ontario

Miller, Dan L. (Jemima Shetler) a son, June 30

MARRIAGES

Geauga Co., Ohio

Detweiler, Miller - Eli, son of Noah J. and Fannie Detweiler, to Edna Mae, daughter of Dan J. P. and Martha Miller, June 16.

Wengerd, Mullet - Noah, son of Dan N. and Nancy Wengerd, to Ada, daughter of John H. and Fannie Miller, June 2, by Bishop Dan N. Wengerd.

Miller, Troyer - Dan, son of John J. C. and Lizzie Miller, to Esther, daughter of Mose M. and Jemima Troyer, June 9.

Byler, Miller - Noah, son of Eli S. and Katie Byler, to Sylvia, daughter of Eli J. and Clara Miller, June 9, by Bishop David D. Miller Jr.

Byler, Detweiler - Melvin son of Ben E. and Mary Byler, to Laura Mae, daughter of Noah J. and Fannie Detweiler, June 16, by Bishop John N. Detweiler

Slabaugh, Miller - Mahlon, son of John and Mary Slabaugh, to Ida, daughter of Joe J. and Ada Miller, June 16, by Bishop Jake U. Gingerich.

Detweiler, Byler - Paul, son of Jake W. and Sarah Detweiler, to Edna, daughter of Allen J. and Lizzie Byler, June 14.

Holmes Co., Ohio

Barkman, Weaver - Noah, son of Minister and Mrs. Sam Barkman, Lakeville, to Mattie, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Andy J. P. Weaver, Fredericksburg, June 30.

Schrock, Gingerich - Levi, son of Peter L. and Katie Ann Schrock, to Mary, daughter of Alvin and Mae (Miller) Gingerich, Millersburg, June 4, by Bishop Nelson Miller, Hartville.

Centerville, Michigan

Bontrager, Yoder - John, son of Delilah (Hochstedler) Bontrager and the late Alvin Bontrager, to Rosemary, daughter of Joseph and Dorothy (Burkholder) Yoder, June 23, by Bishop William J. Bontrager.

Allen Co., Indiana

Schwartz, Graber - Amos, son of David and Anna (Miller) Schwartz, to Emma, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth ~~(Graber)~~ Graber, June 9, by Bishop Samuel J. Graber.

Graber, Schmucker - Paul, son of Amos and Barbara (Schwartz) Graber, to Frances, daughter of Enos and Loraine (Eicher) Schmucker, June 16, by Bishop Christy Schmucker.

Adams Co., Indiana

Schwartz, Schwartz - Andy W. Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Schwartz, Monroe, to Rosie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi D. J. Schwartz, Berne, June 9.

Christner, Girod - Levi J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi S. Christner, Geneva, to Martha E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Girod, Monroe, April 21.

Wickey, Schwartz - Levi L. Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi R. Wickey, Berne, to Frances I., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Schwartz, Geneva, May 1.

Eicher, Schwartz - Leroy A. son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy A. Eicher, Berne to Lizzie M. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menno W. Schwartz, Monroe, May 8.

Troyer, Schwartz - David E. son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Troyer, Berne, to Lizzie U., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. J. Schwartz, Berne, May 19.

Schwartz, Weaver - Daniel E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ R. Schwartz, Monroe, to Sovilla Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Schwartz, Monroe, May 22.

Wickey, Christner - Jake L. son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi R. Wickey, Berne, to Rebecca J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi S. Christner, Geneva, May 29.

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Frey, Miller - Elvie, son of John and Ida (Hostetler) Frey, to Clara, daughter of Albert and Lydiann (Lambright Miller.

Kokomo, Indiana

Miller, Miller - John Elmer, son of Levi H. and Lydia (Otto) Miller, to Rachel, daughter of Tobias and Mary Miller, June 16, by Bishop Chriss Otto, Illinois.

COMMUNITY NOTE – LaGrange County, Indiana

Mrs. Allen (Lydianna Troyer) Kaufman, 44, of LaGrange R4, is in LaGrange County Hospital, quite ill with cancer and low at times. They have seven children.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Bronson, Michigan

Reuben Hershberger from this district, who has been hospitalized for six weeks, is still lingering with seemingly a slight improvement, but still in intensive care. He was operated on and was found to have cancer of the liver, but doctors were unable to cut the cancer out because of its location.

MIGRATIONS

Dan Schmucker's moved from Allen County, Ind., to Norfolk, New York, June 22nd.

Joe Wickey's moved from Allen County, Indiana, to Norfolk, New York, June 29th.

Deacon Harvey D. Yoder and family moved from Gorrie, Ontario, to Dover, Delaware, June 30th.

Dennis J. Borntrager's moved their belongings to McIntire, Iowa, June 23rd, but are staying with his mother, Mrs. John M. Borntrager, until fall, helping with her crops.

In meines vaters
hause sind viele
wohnungen Joh. 14:2

OBITUARIES

BEACHY, Dea. Simon J., 87, Sugarcreek R1, Ohio

died Friday, June 17, in his home after a long illness. He was born in Holmes County to the late Jonas P. and Mattie (Hochstetler) Beachy. His wife, the former Lizzie I. Miller, died in 1975. Surviving are two daughters and three sons, Anna Mae of Sugarcreek R1, Mary Ann and Menno S. of the home, Ivan S. of Dundee R1, and Roman S. of Crossville, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Dan (Katie Ann) Hershberger of Sugarcreek R1 and Mrs. Albert (Lovina) Keim of Millersburg R5; 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Three sisters and three brothers died previously.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the Beachy home by Bishop Clarence J. Yoder. Burial was in the Nelson Yoder Cemetery.

BONTRAGER, Delilah, 82, Chouteau, Oklahoma

died May 9th. Born December 13, 1895, she was a daughter of Benjamin J. and Magdalena Miller, and was married January 1, 1920, to Enos Bontrager, who survives. Also surviving are four children, Levi of Arizona, Anna Rugg of Goshen, Ind., Clarence of Shipshewana, Ind., and Rosa Troyer of Pryor, Okla.; four stepchildren, Erwin, Ammon, Jerry, and Millie, all of LaGrange County, Ind.; three sisters, Anna Troyer of Arthur, Ill., Nancy Miller of Aberdeen, Mississippi, and Mrs. Harvey (Amanda) Miller of Middlebury, Indiana.

Funeral services were held at the Bill Detweiler home on May 12th by Bishop Crist N. Miller and Mose Yoder, both of this community.

BONTRAGER, Edward R., 80, Topeka R2, Indiana

died Thursday, June 16, at his home. He was born in Middlebury October 29, 1896, a son of Ruben S. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Bontrager, and was married in LaGrange County April 2, 1919, to Mable Hostetler, who preceded him in death. On February 6, 1936, he married Amanda Mullet, who survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Annie Miller of Wolcottville R2, Mrs. Ivan (Laura) Schmucker of Coldwater, Mich., and Mrs. Ivan (Elizabeth) Nisley of Rome City; two sons, Melvin and Mahlon, both of Goshen; 38 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the Arthur Hochstetler residence by Bishop Daniel Bontrager. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery, southwest of LaGrange.

GINGERICH, Simeon, infant, Buchanan Co., Iowa

was stillborn June 22nd. Surviving are the parents, John and Ella Gingerich; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gingerich of Clark, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Gingerich of Hazleton, Iowa, five uncles and eight aunts. Preceding him in death were three aunts.

GLICK, Lydia and Lizzie, New Holland R3, Pa.

Lydia died at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital on Wednesday, June 22, at the age of one day. Lizzie died at Hershey Medical Center on Friday, July 1, at 10:25 p.m. at the age of ten days. Born June 20, 1977, they were the daughters of John and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Glick. Besides the parents the twins are survived by six brothers and sisters, Benuel, Rachel, Jacob, Sarah, Mary, and Rebecca, all at home; the paternal grandparents, John and Sarah Glick, Quarryville R3, and the maternal grandparents, Stephen and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Zook, New Holland R1, and the maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Stoltzfus, of Honey Brook R1.

Funeral services for Lydia were held at the home Thursday, June 23, by John K. Lapp; hymn read by Amos F. Stoltzfus; burial was at Stoltzfus Cemetery.

Funeral services for Lizzie were held Saturday, July 2, by Amos F. Stoltzfus; hymn read by David R. Zook; burial in Stoltzfus Cemetery; hymn read by Abner Glick; abscheid by John K. Lapp

HERSHBERGER, Mrs. Mary E. (Maud), 71, of
Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died Friday evening, June 24, in her home following a seven-month illness of cancer. Born October 29, 1915, in Holmes County, she was a daughter of the late Eli and Martha (Yoder) Hershberger. On February 18, 1926, she married her first husband, Eli B. Miller, who died April 18, 1931. On January 9, 1936, she was married to Melvin D. Hershberger, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Noah (Sylvia) Beachy of Millersburg R5, and Mrs. Ivan (Clara) Weaver of Fredericksburg R2; three sons, Roy E. Miller of Dundee R2, Alvin Hershberger of Apple Creek R1, and Wayne Hershberger of Wooster R4; two sisters, Mrs. Jacob (Anna) Kline of Millersburg R5, and Mrs. Lando (Verna) Gingerich of Kalona, Iowa; two brothers, Ben Hershberger of Kalona, Iowa, and Eli E. Hershberger of Shreve; 19 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the home by Bishop Atlee J. Troyer, and Bishop Freeman Kuhns from Indiana, and at Eli Keim's by Bishop Jacob Troyer and Bishop Dan Schlabach. Burial was in Kline Cemetery.

HILTY, John, 78, Bryant, Indiana

died April 9th at his home. He had suffered a stroke in March and had been ill since then. He was born September 18, 1898, in Berne, a son of Joseph and Anna (Schwartz) Hilty, and was married to Katie Coblentz, who survives. Also surviving are six sons, Jake K. and Christ K. of Berne, Joe K. of New Haven, Henry K., Elmer K., and John K., all of Geneva; nine daughters, Mrs. Levi R. (Anna) Wickey, Mrs. Felty (Sylvia) Shetler, Mrs. Ernest D. (Kathryn) Schwartz, and Mrs. Raymond B. (Maggie) Schwartz, all of Berne; Mrs. Menno N. (Rebecca) Eicher of Bryant, Mrs. Sam Y. (Mary) Schwartz of Seymore, Mo., Mrs. William (Susie) Schwartz of Geneva, Mrs. Dan (Ada) Shetler of Kalona, Iowa, and Mrs. Andy (Sovilla) Shetler of Monroe; two sisters, Mrs. Jacob L. Schwartz of Seymore, Mo., and Mrs. Henry E. Schwartz of Geneva; three brothers, Jacob and Sim of Geneva, and Christ of Berne, 138 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 12th at the home of his son, Henry K. Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

KING, Christ B., 7 Mo., Gap R1, Pa.

son of Samuel L. and Malinda S. (Glick) King, died Saturday, June 25, at 5:15 a.m. at the home of his maternal grandparents, David W. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Glick, Geist Road, Lancaster. He had been under the care of a physician. Surviving in addition to his parents and grandparents, are a brother, Michael, at home, and the maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Katie E. Stoltzfus of Lancaster.

Funeral services were held June 27th at the home by Amos S. Stoltzfus Jr. Burial was in Beuna Vista Cemetery.

KUEPFER, Mrs. Mary, 82, Milverton, Ontario

died June 3rd in Listowel Hospital. Born August 24, 1895, she was a daughter of the late Solomon and Katie (Zehr) Kuepfer, and was married to Christian W. Kuepfer, who passed away in 1971. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. John (Esther) Zehr, Mrs. Amos H. (Lena) Kuepfer, and Mrs. John (Catherine) Jantzi; seven sons, Israel, Jonathan, Reuben, Samuel, Cornelius, Isaac, and Levi; two brothers, Ezra and Manuel; one sister, Mrs. Harold Carter; 69 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. One son, one daughter, four brothers, and three sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the home of her son, Isaac, on June 5th. Burial was at the Amish Cemetery on Seventh Line, Mornington Township.

MILLER, Menno I., 84, of Johnson County, Iowa

died June 21st of cancer and other complications, after lingering for over a year. Born November 29, 1892, at Bakersville, Ohio, he was a son of Isaac J. and Sarah (Kauffman) Miller. He grew up in Holmes County, Ohio, and moved to Howard County, Indiana, after his marriage to Susan Schlabach on January 18, 1917. They moved to Kalona, Iowa, in 1952. Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Albert H. (Elva) Miller of Kokomo, Ind., and Miss Sarah Miller of Kalona; four sons, Ivan of Elkhart, Ind., David of Grove City, Minn., Levi of Kalona, and Moses of Doniphan, Mo.; two brothers, Levi of Plain City, Ohio, and Mose I. of Kalona; two sisters, Mrs. Albert (Sarah) Erb of Sugarcreek, Ohio, and Mrs. David (Anna) Barkman of Baltic, Ohio; 31 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home on June 23rd by Noah Hochstetler of Kokomo, Ind., and Elmer T. Miller in the house and by Jonas E. Helmuth of Hazleton and George Gingerich of Bloomfield, Iowa. Burial was in the Peter Miller Cemetery.

MILLER, Timothy, 15 Mo., Oakland, Maryland

died June 4th after being in a farm accident (see front page). Surviving are the parents, Levi E.

Miller's; two brothers and three sisters; grandparents, Emanuel E. Miller's and John N. Yoder's, and one great-grandfather, Jacob D. Hershberger of Ohio.

Funeral services were held June 7th by Bishop Norman Schrock and Bishop Milt Kinsinger of Stuart's Draft, Virginia.

MILLER, William A., 85, Partridge, Kansas
died Saturday, June 18, at his home following a long illness. Born January 24, 1892, at Arthur, Ill., he married Rebecca Nisley, who died January 19, 1961. On July 22, 1962, at Kalona, Iowa, he married Sarah Mast, who survives. Also surviving are these daughters, Mrs. John C. Yoder of Grove City, Minn., Mrs. Emma Miller of Hutchinson R1, Mrs. Henry Schrock of Eden Valley, Minn., and Mrs. Harvey Nisly of Partridge; 25 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

SMUCKER, Benuel S., 68, Lancaster, Pa.
died Wednesday, June 29, at 4:30 a.m. at his home at 634 Willow Road. He had been under the care of a physician, being sick every fall of the year with Asthma and later Heart Failure. He had lots of good days and enjoyed visiting the sick to the last, will be greatly missed at home and in church. Born in Caernarvon Township, he was a son of the late David B. and Rachel E. (Stoltzfus) Smucker. Surviving are his wife, Sadie S. (Stoltzfus) Smucker; the following children, Henry S., David S., Paul S., Benuel Jr., Rebecca, wife of Jacob K. King, and Esther, wife of Daniel M. Beiler, all of Lancaster, Rachel, wife of Elam S. King of Strasburg R1, and Elmer S., at home; the following brothers and sisters, Mary, wife of Jacob King, Eli Smucker, David Smucker, Elmer Smucker, Malinda Smucker, and Rachel Smucker, all of Narvon R1, Annie, wife of Dea. John K. Lapp, of Kinzers R1, Sadie, wife of Pre. Joseph F. Beiler, of Gordonville R1, and Jacob Smucker of New Holland R2, and 25 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home by Eli S. Stoltzfus and Bishop David K. Blank; hymn "Komm Sterblicher" read by Samuel Beiler; burial in Myer's Cemetery; hymn "Gute Nacht" read by Aaron King; abschied by David S. Glick. His age was 68 years, 8 months, and one day.

STREICHER, Melvin, 4 yr., Milverton, Ontario
died June 21st. Born on September 4, 1972, he was a son of John and Elizabeth (Wagler) Streicher. Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, Aaron and Enos; three sisters, Rebecca, Fannie, and Mary; his grandparents, Enos and Mary Wagler and Rudy Streicher; and his great-grandparents, Solomon and Sally Wagler of Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held at the home of his parents at Milverton R2 on June 23rd. Burial was at the Amish Cemetery, Mornington Township.

YODER, Andrew, 3 days, of Buchanan County, Iowa
died June 22nd. Born June 19, 1977, he was a son of Abe and Edna (Kauffman) Yoder, who survive. Also surviving are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kauffman of Fairbank, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Yoder of Independence, Iowa, nine aunts and seven uncles.

Funeral services were held in the home of the parents, June 22, in the p.m., preaching by Neil Lambright and Jacob Schmucker.

YODER, Mrs. Mary E., 70, Sugarcreek R1, Ohio
died Thursday, June 16, following a long illness. Born in Madison County, she was a daughter of the late Eli E. and Frances (Fry) Swartzentruber. Her husband, Daniel B. Yoder, died in May 1976. Surviving are five daughters and three sons, Mrs. Levi A. (Fannie) Erb, Mrs. Eli J. (Mary) Weaver, and Ida D. Yoder, all of Sugarcreek R1, Mrs. Melvin E. (Katie) Beachy of Sugarcreek R2, Mrs. Andy J. (Ada) Troyer of Millersburg R4, Eli D. of the home, Daniel of Wooster, and John of San Diego, California; one brother, Eli E. of Dundee R1; 25 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two daughters, one son, two sisters, and three brothers also are deceased.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the Levi A. Erb residence by Bishop Andy N. Troyer. Burial was in the Levi A. Erb family cemetery in Clark Township.

YODER, Mrs. Mattie, 56, Sugar Creek R2, Ohio
died June 29th. Surviving are her husband, Melvin J. Yoder; her parents, John J. E. Miller's of Millersburg R5, four daughters, three sons, six sisters and one brother.

YODER, Mrs. Saloma, 67, of Baltic R1, Ohio
died Thursday morning, June 16, in Pomerene Hospital at Millersburg following a month's illness. Born in Berlin Township, she was a daughter of the late Emanuel J. and Saloma (Raber) Miller. Surviving in addition to her husband, Noah L. Yoder, are two daughters and seven sons, Mrs. Yost N. (Mattie) Miller of Millersburg Star Route, Mrs. Noah R. (Fannie) Miller, Albert N. and Jonas N. of Millersburg R4, Levi N., Emanuel N. and Adam N. of Baltic R1, Noah N. L. of the home and Addn N. of Fresno R3; four sisters and a brother, Mrs. Ben J. (Fannie) Raber of Orrville and Mrs. Simon P. (Mattie) Troyer, Mrs. Adam H. (Lizzie) Miller, Mrs. Emanuel (Mary) Hershberger and Sam E. Miller of Millersburg R4; and 62 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, a son, a sister, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Yoder residence by Bishop Dan N. Yoder and Neal C. Miller. Burial was in Raber Cemetery in Clark Township.

MARSHFIELD, MISSOURI, ACCIDENTS

Sylvan, son of Mahlon Yoder, broke his arm when he fell off his stilts. He had quite a bit of pain to start with but was getting along satisfactorily.

Esther, age 24, daughter of Homer Graber's, had a brain concussion as the result of a run-away team while hauling hay. They had the neighbor's mule colt in the team that they were breaking for him. The team started running and got out of control so she tried to jump off and landed on her head.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Full M. 1st	Last Q. 8th	New M. 16th	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	First Q. 24th	

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

The weather for June was about the same as we have been used to now for several months, dry and temperature about normal. The total rainfall for the month was 2.3 inches, high temperature was 90 degrees on the 29th and the low was 52 on the 22.

Thrashing has begun, but very little barley survived the hard winter and about the same goes for winter oats. A lot of spring oats were grown and turned out surprisingly well for the small amount of rain we had. The hay crop is very short.

St. Mary's Co., Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

We had around 5½ inches of rain scattered through June. We had good growing weather so far this summer. The early corn looks great. Spring oats also made an exceptional good yield this year, while fall oats were poor due to the hard winter and the late seeding last fall.

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The rainfall for Bareville area in June was 55 inches.

Market Report: choice fat cattle $38 - $41.50 cwt.: feeders $35 - 43.50 cwt; fat hogs $44 - $50.25 cwt.; 40lb. feeder pigs $1.07 - $.83 per lb.; veal $74 - 64.50 cwt; spring lambs $47 - $53 cwt.; dairy cattle at New Holland $510 - $1100 cwt.; heavy type hens .30 - .36 lb.; pullets .45 lb.; eggs .48 - .62 doz.; milk around $9.50 cwt.; potatoes retail $10 cwt.; ear corn $68 ton, $2.45 per bu.; wheat $2.42 bu.; barley $2 bu.; oats $1.90 bu.; hay $45 - $90 ton; corn fodder $49 ton.

by Christian L. Fisher

We had a thunderstorm with 1½ inches of rain on the first, followed by several warm days. On the 6th we had 4.1 inch of rain, with sunny the next day and cool, windy, rainy, and cloudy till the 14th. We then had several warm days, 2.1 and 4.1 inches of rain, followed by a few cool days. We had .5 inch on the 25th, then warm, then .3 on the 28th, and more warm weather.

The corn and tobacco is growing well, some corn is very uneven because some did not sprout till the first week of June when we had some rain. The wheat harvest has begun, second crop hay is being made and looks real good.

Lebanon Co., Pa., by Levi S. King

Good growing weather prevailed throughout most of June, with 5.1 inches of rain, which all came in small showers. Fence row cherries and raspberries were very plentiful this year. The barley was an average crop, but light in straw. Quite a few of our neighbors (tractor farmers) plant soybeans in their barley stubble with a no-till planter and they are a few inches high already. The wheat is being bindered and will be ready to thrash the first week of July.

Lycoming Co., Pa., by John K. Fisher

June was mostly warm and dry, and we had a few thundershowers.

The strawberries are over and peas are plentiful, the raspberries are also ripe. Most of the hay is in and the corn is growing well inspite of the dry weather.

The gypsy moths have been bad on the mountains through this valley, but are turning green again.

Centre Co., by Henry M. Glick

The first day of June it rained and got windy. On the 4th and 5th it was warm and dry and the 6th we had a nice rain which measured .9. It thencooled off again with temperature down to a cool 38 degrees. On the 9th it rained 1 inch, and the 11th was cool and clearing. We had some warm days till the 17th when it rained .1. Over all it is getting dry. On the 20th we had .2, then warm and dry till the 25th when we had 2.4 inches of very welcome rain. Last week we had .6 inches. These rains eased the dry spell. Our 2nd cutting of alfalfa is starting to bloom. Some corn is 4 ft. tall. Pasture are getting green again. The total rainfall was 5.5 inches. High temperature was 96 and the low was 38 degrees. This is the first month this year that no snow fell!

Centre Co., Brush Valley, Pa. by David B. Stoltzfus

June came in bringing temporary relief to the dry weather with 2 inches of rain during the first week, after which some of the corn came up. It had not sprouted until the rain came while some in the same fields was up to 2 feet tall already. It soon became dry again with very little rain some places until the 25th when a four hour thundershower brought us 2 inches of rain and another thunderstorm in the evening brought us from 3/4 inch to 2 inches of rain in some areas. Several days later we had more rain from 1 to 2 inches. The total rainfall for June was from 6 to 8 inches. Hay was made in the beginning of the month with lower than usual yields. Many farmers are mowing their oats for hay, and the weather now looks promising for haymaking.

Snyder Co., Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

June was not dry like April and May. We had 7.5 inches of rain, and on the 25th it rained over 3 inches. The coldest was on the 8th when it was down to 40 degrees in the morning.

The wheat is turning, but I haven't heard of any being combined yet. The oats are still green and seems somewhat short. The corn is growing very nicely. The strawberries were somewhat short, but cherries were plentiful. The blueberries are looking nice. They should be covered because as soon as the birds have cleaned up the cherries and mulberries they will start on the blueberries.

Juniata Co., Pa., by David Y. Reno

The weather here during June was fair and mostly cool. We had ample rainfall and the last of the month we had several good soaking rains. The cherries were a fair crop and of good size, some kinds of peaches are plentiful and some kinds are very scarce. The apples are as usual. Wheat is ready to be cut till the first of July. The cornfields are very spotty some is fence high with bare spots in with almost nothing on it. Hay is a short crop this year.

Mifflin Co., Pa., by Catherine M. Swarey

June was a very pleasant month with some showers in the beginning of the month. We also had more rain during June than during April or May. Our area had 3.4 inches of rainfall. On June 25th the northern part of the county had a heavy thundershower with 2 to 3 inches varying in different places. That night we had hail like marbles, and some places the lawns were covered. Pastures and lawns look nice and green again. Cornfields look real nice, and the barley is threshed, and wheat is cut and in shocks.

The cherries are a fair crop, but some places the trees had none at all, and other places the trees were full. Peas seem to be a real good crop.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Beiler

June was a warm month with enough rain to keep things growing. The hay is mostly in barns, it was a short crop due to earlier dry weather. The winter grains are also short. The oats look good, and the barley is being threshed this week. The cherries were a short crop and high priced. They were .35 to .40 a quart to pick.

Franklin Co., Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

The month of June was real dry with a few welcome showers. The corn is looking fair, but our first crop hay was not too good. The second crop is started nice, but will be short. The potatoes and tomatoes are looking good.

Adams Co., Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

It seemed as though the month of June was dry even though we had nice showers throughout the month. This was probably due to the fact that our showers were often followed by drying winds. Our total rainfall for the month was 4 inches. Gettysburg reported a total of 3.09 inches, which was only 1.02 inches below normal. We had 90 degrees in the shade on the 18th. Gettysburg reported the hottest days in June were 88 degrees. On June 8 the low reading was 40 degrees. It was cool and windy.

Farmers were busy making timothy hay, which was a good crop. Wheat is on shock and is light, and the oats are short. Sugar is $1.89 for 10 lbs., and pastry flour $3.39 for 25 lbs., margarine is $.95 for 2 lbs.

Oakland, Maryland, by Mrs. Atlee Hershberger

The weather in May was warmer than the first part of June, and the rainfall was below normal in May. The hay is being made but seems shorter than some years. Some are putting grass in silos.

Somerset Co., Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

We didn't have much rain for June that was measureable, but we did have some light showers to help out on moisture a bit. It is rather dry with so many days being so windy the last week. Some people's water is getting a bit on the low side. The corn looks good and some is knee high already. Lots of hay has been made and there is still some to be made.

Guys Mills area, Cochranton, Pa., by Fannie Bontrager

We had a much needed rain on the sixth, but it also turned cooler with temperatures down in the low forties. We had frost on the eighth with a little damage. It rained again on the ninth, then it was very warm with changeable weather following one cool day and warm the next. We had plenty of moisture and rain again on the 28th. Farmers are putting in hay as weather permits, finding hay to be a short crop.

Crawford Co., Pa., by Mrs. Menno Fisher

In June we had nice weather and plenty of rain to make wonderful growing weather. We had numerous thundershowers, with hail twice, but not enough to damage anything.

Most farmers still have some hay to put in, it was of good quality, but a little shorter than usual. The corn looks good and is mostly above knee high. Strawberries were a short crop, but the peas are producing a bumper crop.

Norfolk, N. Y., by Jerry T. Schwartz

We had a few good showers the 19th of June which pretty well broke up the drought, and since then we had a few more good showers. The corn changed from a pale color to dark green, and some is nearly waist high. The oats are of good length and is heading out. The strawberries are about over.

Geauga Co., Ohio, by Mrs. Eli Wengerd

June started in cool and rainy, with a light frost in some places on the 3rd. We had occasional rains all through June, which really pushed gardens, corn etc. The first cutting of hay is all in and barley, and wheat is on shock. The strawberries are past, and were a good but short crop.

Holmes Co., Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

We had a few light frosts at the beginning of this month. The total rainfall was 3.5 inches which was very much needed. Some early potatoes are eatable, and gardens look nice. The hay is a short crop, barley is cut, and the wheat is just about ready to cut. The corn looks good.

Eastern Holmes Co., by Raymond S. Weaver

The first week of June was cool with a slight frost on the morning of the 3rd. This was followed by some good rains which were needed and appreciated. The last half of June was warm and very pleasant. Due to the dry spell in May some cornfields have an uneven stand with some bare spots on the higher ground, but since we had plenty of rain during June, the corn has recovered remarkably well and fields look good. Height is way above the traditional knee high by the 4th of July. We are just starting in with wheat harvest in our area.

Southeastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

June brought along its usual weather with some warm and sunny days, and also some cool snaps. The hay is all made and clover and alfalfa was a short but nice crop. Timothy had about its normal length. We had some rainfall. The corn is making nice growth, and some wheat is cut. The hog prices are advancing some, and pigs are about holding their own.

Barrs Mill, Holmes Co., by Jonas N. Borntrager

For June we had some real good rains which were very welcome, and made good growing weather. The second cutting of alfalfa is nearly ready to cut. The wheat is also nearly ready to cut, and some are thrashing barley. Oats look good compared to what it did a month ago. A lot of corn is getting too high to cultivate. We had 5.5 inches of rain in June.

Fat hog prices are working up well towards $.50 lb. Milk prices seem slow due to plenty of milk, and milk products. There is not much change in beef prices. There is a good demand for driving and draft horses.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

June was dry up to the 17th, then we had 4.5 inches of rain since then. The grain and corn fields look good. Some corn over banks didn't come up till after the rains, and some is now as high as a man. Farmers are cutting wheat as early or earlier than I ever remember. The hog prices are pushing higher $45 - $46 cwt., the pigs are a little weaker, and beef somewhat stronger.

Mio, Michigan, Melvin Gingerich

It was still very dry in June, but some days we got a few sprinkles. It seemed like the clouds are without rain. The first crop of hay was short, only about one third of normal crop, but the quality was good. The corn is wrinkling because of lack of moisture. The oats are short and headed out. Most of the oats in this area will be mowed and baled for hay, which is selling for $60 a ton and up right out of the field. It is good hay drying weather.

Centreville, Michigan, by Treva Yoder

We had some nice rains, and everything is looking good. The corn is as high as the fences. Fat hogs are .48 or more.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

For the month of June we had approx. 5 inches of rain with a high of 97 a few days, but mostly temperatures of 75 and 80 degrees. The hay yielded about one ton per acre, and wheat cutting began the 25th of June. Some corn is starting to tassel already, which is early for this area. Weanling pigs are selling for $1 per lb. live weight, and wheat is $2 per bu. Milk price is $8 cwt. for 4 per cent test.

Bronson, Michigan, by O. A. Graber

We had little rain in June and it was unusually cool, till the 24th and 25th, when we received 2.25 inches of rain in most places in the area, and again some rain the last few days.

The corn looks good again after the rain, but was beginning to urgently show a need of rain. The hay was fair, and some was quite short, because of the dry spring and late frosts. The wheat is very short, and oats are fair with a good color. Michigan sweet cherries this year are huge and seem to be plentiful. They are from .45 to .50 to .60 a lb., and they say there will be plenty of peaches. The apple crop is not so promising. Strawberries and raspberries are fair. Most grain prices are down.

Branch Co., Michigan, by Mrs. Noah N. Schwartz

June came in as a very cool month with temperatures dipping in the 40's. We have had very refreshing rains in June after having a dry May. June is also going out as cloudy and cool. The hay is put in, wheat is being cut, and second crop hay looks nice.

The most part of June was hot and dry with a few occasional showers. It was hot during the day, but usually cool in the evenings. The wheat is cut and some thrashing is done. On the 30th we had heavy thunderstorms at noon and again towards evening with hard rains which really soaked the ground as the corn needed it badly.

LaGrange Co., Indiana, by Anna S. Esh

The first of the month it was dry until we received a welcome half inch of rain around the 10th, which helped the late strawberries, and everything. The hay was put up without rain and it was a good crop. Gardens are flourishing now as we had more rain. It was puite cool at times. The 27th and 28th it was humid, cloudy and the 28th we had quite a heavy rain over the noon hour, with over an inch of rain. We had more in the evening with light thundershowers. The wheat is about all cut, and is a good crop inspite of a cold winter and dry summer. The corn is already over knee high, and the alfalfa is growing out real nicely. Cucumber vines are nice and blooming, beans are real nice, so we have very much to praise God for, for supplying our needs as He has promised! On the 30th we had all day showers, torrentially over the noon hour with intermittant showers, at 4:00 we had another one, totaling 2 inches.

Elkhart Co., Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

On June first and fifth we had rain, then it turned very cool. We had rain and sleet on the 8th. The second week was warmer, which brought on the peas and raspberries. The men were cultivating corn and making hay. We had thunderstorms and a very welcome rain the 17th. The 28th we had rain and some thunder, and the 29th sunny and warmer. On the 30th an all day rain with a lot of thunder and lightening. The wheat has been cut and shocked, green beans are on the menu and sweet cherries also.

Napanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The weather through June was not as warm as it was in May, our highest reading was 89 degrees on both the 5th and the 17th, and the lowest was 38 on the 3rd. June had plenty of rain although it started in rather easy, giving farmers a good chance to make hay and cultivate their crops. It rained .4 on the 4th, one inch on the 8th, .7 on the 11th, 1.2 on the 17th, 3 inches on the 24th, .9 on the 28th, and 3.5 on the 30th, making a total of over 10 inches right through this neighborhood. Some localities didn't have that much, but there was water standing in all low spots. The wheat is practically all cut and in shock that will be thrashed, but combine wheat is standing in the mud. The corn looks real good and seems to be several weeks ahead of the season, the earliest planted fields are shoulder high, soy beans, oats and all vegetables look very promising. The first cutting hay was a good crop and most of it was made without rain.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Ivan J. Gingerich

The first weekend in June we received a welcome rain which broke our month of dry weather. Small scattered showers passed through weekly. The 30th it was dark and cloudy all day and towards evening brought a good heavy rain. We had quite a few warm and humid days which was often broken by the small showers. Berries were a short crop but other garden produce was plentiful. Some farmers have wheat harvested, and second cutting hay made. Early planted corn is in tassels and most of the beans look fine. Some that were planted later came up in two hitches making some fields look like a patchwork quilt.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

In the month of June we have had plenty of moisture. The first week we had about 2 and a half inches of rain. Hay was a good crop and quality, some was put away without rain, but most of it got some rain. The second cutting alfalfa is about ready. The oats are mostly a little short and some are being cut between showers. We had about 3.5 inches of rain the last week, and aprox. 5 inches in all. The last week was very much in streaks, and there were tornado warnings out on the 28th.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachy

After six weeks of warm, dry weather, the refreshing rains have arrived. The corn was tasseling and suffering, but it remains to be seen how much effect it had on it. We had 2 weeks of damp weather, raining a little every other day or so, hampering wheat harvest some, but it is practically over now. It was very uneven too, as some areas had 9 inches in that period, while 6 miles away only 2 inches fell. The wheat yield was good between 50 and 60 bu. per acre, the price is $1.96 per bu.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

June was unusually wet and warm, with some hail in the first part of the month. Total rainfall was 8 inches, the highest temperature was 94 and the low was 48. The crops look excellent, except for a few low yellow spots where there is possibility of drowning out if rains continue. Most of the fall sown grain is thrashed or at least in this ring. Some corn has been in tassel for a while some is not knee high yet. Some are still planting soybeans. I guess melons are about the only summer treats we haven't had on the menu yet. Peaches run around $5 per 38lb. box. This area had some sick horses and colts through June, probably the flu.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

We had nice growing weather through May, from having rain about as needed. We had only 2 inches of rain in June. The crops aren't suffering much yet though, and seems they are a week or two farther along then average years. Most of the corn is in tassels, oats are in shock, and some second cutting hay has been put up.

Audrian Co., Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

We did not have much moisture after the first week in May until the 20th, then we had 3 inches in a week. The oats were cut by the last of the month, and will give a lot of straw this year again. Row crops look good and many are busy cultivating, while some crops have out grown this stage.

The early sweet corn is about ready, summer apples and some peaches have been available.

Marshfield, Missouri, by Ruben Yoder

Our spring rains have finally come. The month of June started very warm with several thunderstorms and enough wind to tear up some things. The week of the 12th and 19th there were thundershowers every day, but with not even enough rain to stop thrashing and bindering some days. We had 4 inches on the 19th and a total of 9 inches that week, and the last week it rained every other day with a total of 3 inches. Altogether we had about 14 inches of rain for the month. So everything is growing and growing even the grain and grass seed that isn't thrashed yet.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

We have been having warm weather, then again it cooled off over night so that most of the doors and windows were kept shut. A few showers of rain came, but not enough to soak the ground, though it helped the crops some. It is getting real dry again. The late crops are suffering, and lawns and gardens are starting to dry up. The wheat is an average to good crop and nearly all harvested. The oats are nearly all in shock. The early corn was tasseled out by the middle of the month and looks real promising. String beans and cucumbers are a short crop, but produced good. The tomatoes are getting on the menu.

Reno Co., Haven, Kansas, by Mrs. Enos E Schrock

June has been another wet month with some heavy rains and hail at places. With all the rain it wasn't good harvesting weather. The last week in June we had sunshine, but the ground underneath the wheat is hard to dry out resulting in soft spots in the fields, and slowing combining. A lot of the wheat is down and tangled. The weeds are starting in the milo fields already. A few haven't planted milo yet because of rains. A wet June is unusual for Kansas, which is noted for its hot, dry weather.

Reno Co., Partridge, Kansas

June was a little more soggy than most wheat farmers like. The total rainfall varied quite a bit in the areawith from 7.5 inches and up. The wheat harvest started about the 7th, which is a week to 10 days earlier than average. Progress is very slow because of wet and down conditions. Approximately one half of the cutting was done at the end of the month. The yield has been good. The second cutting of hay looks good, but has been to wet to cut much. Gardens are yielding much better than average.

Johnson Co., Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

We had a good 2 inches of rain on the 30th. It had been getting quite dry, although we've had showers off and on. The temperature has been in the 90's, but is cooler now.

The corn and beans look very good considering the dry weather. The first cuttting of alfalfa was real good, some made well over 100 bales per acre. Some second cutting is being made, but is hardly as heavy as the first cutting was. The oats are ready for the binder and look good.

Buchanan Co., Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

We had 3 inches of rain in June, while some areas had several inches more. Most of it came in the last week, and on the 30th we had 1.5 inches during the night. The lawns are brown, and cornfields are suffering, though some are trying to tassel. The hay crop was fair to good in quantity.

Bloomfield, Iowa, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

May and June have been dry months with a few tenths of rain now and then. The rain was very spotty with some areas getting nearly an inch. The crops look good so far. Most of the hay was a good crop and put away in good condition. Some oats were on shock by mid-June. Some corn is about to tassel. The later planted beans aren't quite as nice as the early ones. The gardens and things are somewhat earlier. We and the coons have been enjoying the first sweet corn since June 26. On the last day of June we enjoyed numerous showers.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

June was a nice growing month, with plenty of rainfall. The corn and oats look good, hay is thin with lots of new seeding frozen out. Strawberries were not a good crop, some people didn't get any. Gardens look extra nice with the rains we had. Haying was started earlier than usual..

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

The first half of June was cool, and the last half was warmer. We had some nice rains as needed, with some wind and a little hail.

Some farmers are finished haying, but a lot is to be made yet. The crop was a little thin. The oats look good and are turning. The corn is tasseling and is much further advanced than usual. The gardens look very nice, but strawberries were scarce.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss Stutzman

We had nice growing weather in June, which was a little cooler than May. We had 2.5 inches of rainfall, and several hot days with 92 degrees. Most of the hay was put in, but we had enough rain now and then which delayed it somewhat and made it a little tough haying at times. The hay was a heavy crop. Strawberries were a good crop, and raspberries are ripening.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William Schrock Sr.

We had real nice weather in June, with rains just as we needed them. The corn and oats look good, and gardens are fair. We had 4 inches of rain, and had cool nights. Some are putting up hay, which is a good crop in spots. Raddishes and lettuce and rhubarb is on the menu, and also peas. We had a good rain on the 30th. Potatoes look good.

Utica, Minnesota, by Atlee J. Shetler

The month of June brought us from 4 to 6 inches of rain. On the 27th we had wind, rain and hail at some places. The weather was good for hay. The early corn was knee high by the 4th. The oats are turning, and garden things are nice with these good rains.

St. Mary's Co., Ontario

The first part of June was dry, which was good for haying. The latter part brought us more rain, which is bringing the corn right along, and ahead of knee high by the 4th of July. The grain looks good, and the wheat is still green. The hay is not all in yet. Cattle prices top around $44, dressed hogs $65.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

The beginning of June was cool with a few frosts, some corn was nipped and had to be planted over. Not much damage was done to gardens things, however. It then turned warm and dry. The strawberries were early and a short crop because of lack of rain. The hay is short and thin. We had an inch of rain on the 17th of June which soon soaked away. It was cooler, then warmed up again and was windy. We had more rain on the 28th and 30th.

Grey Co., Ontario, by Jacob Hershberger

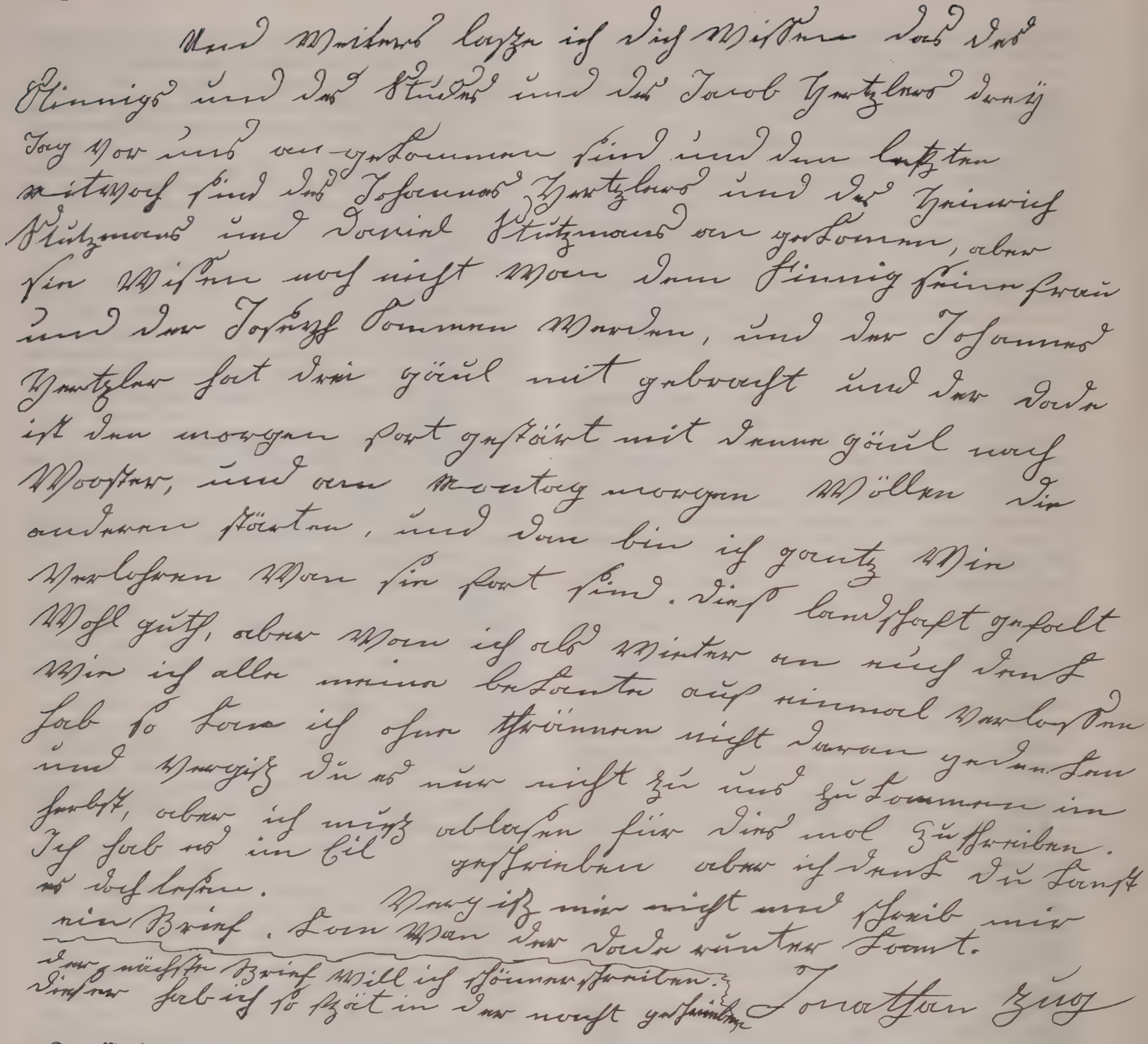
June was dryer than usual. We had frost on the 3rd and 7th. We had 3 inches of rain total. The hay will be a short crop, but the grain on fall plowing looks good. However, that on spring plowing does not look too promising.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Mrs. Emanuel Peachey

June had many beautiful and warm days. People who made hay early got it all in with very little rain. On the 25th we had around 2.5 inches of rain with a thunderstorm. On the 28th we had another inch or so. It had been on the dry side before the rains came. Strawberries are almost past. Their season was shorter than usual due to the dryness earlier in the spring. Crops and gardens look good.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

June was very dry with hardly any rain until on the 26th and 28th, when we got close to .75 inch each time. Most of the hay was put in with no rain and was of very good quality, but was only a little more than half the crop we had last year. The oats are heading out, and the early corn is about waist high. Over all the crops look good.



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Dover, Delaware

Oct. 14, 1885 – Annie, widow of Stephen King, Wyoming R1
Feb. 21, 1886 – Eva, widow of Henry S. Miller, Dover R2
Mar. 12, 1891 – Eliza (Danny) Miller, Dover R2
Apr. 28, 1891 – John J. Yoder, Dover R6
Jul. 12, 1892 – Henry S. Mast, Dover R2
May 27, 1893 – Mary (Miller), wife of John J. Yoder
Mar. 11, 1894 – Lizzie (Miller), wife of Henry S. Mast, Dover R2
Mar. 13, 1894 – Mary (Schrock), wife of Manas Schlabach, Wyoming R1

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Mar. 8, 1896 – Israel Z. Swarey, Mechanicsville R2

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Men

June 30, 1885 – David B. Zook, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
July 5, 1885 – John M. Fisher, Ronks R1, Pa.
Oct. 28, 1887 – Isaac B. Zook, Christiana R1, Pa.
Sep. 21, 1888 – Amos L. Beiler, Narvon R2, Pa.
Nov. 17, 1888 – Jacob B. Lapp, Gordonville R1, Pa.
Dec. 10, 1888 – Aaron Esh, Leola R1, Pa.
Nov. 20, 1889 – Noah D. Zook, Old Phila. Pike, Lancaster, Pa.
Jan. 19, 1890 – John F. Stoltzfoos, Bird-in-Hand R1
Feb. 21, 1891 – Daniel U. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1
Mar. 11, 1890 – Ezra D. Beiler, Ronks R1
Aug. 18, 1890 – Samuel E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1
June 26, 1891 – Eli S. King, Ronks R1, Pa.
June 27, 1891 – Moses S. King, Ronks R1, Pa.
Sept. 7, 1891 – Emanuel S. Stoltzfus, Churchtown
Aug. 27, 1892 – Jonathan Zook, Gridley Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Oct. 12, 1892 – Benjamin K. King,
July 14, 1893 – Daniel K. Smoker, Ronks R1
Sept. 24, 1893 – Benjamin M. Kauffman, Christiana R1
Feb. 23, 1894 – Levi E. Stoltzfus, Narvon R1
Feb. 27, 1894 – Christ M. Lapp, Intercourse
Sept. 8, 1894 – Elam B. Stoltzfoos, Leola R1
Jan. 1, 1895 – Isaac L. King, Leola R1
Jan. 24, 1895 – Samuel F. Stoltzfus, Gap R1
May 3, 1895 – Jonas S. Fisher, Ronks R1
June 4, 1895 – Aaron M. Beiler, Lancaster
Aug. 24, 1895 – Daniel K. Blank, Leola R1
Sept. 6, 1895 – Amos S. Esh, Intercourse
Oct. 22, 1895 – Aaron B. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1
Oct. 26, 1895 – Jesse B. Riehl, New Holland R2
Nov. 28, 1895 – Moses B. Zook Lancaster
Feb. 15, 1896 – Daniel F. Zook, Ronks R1
Oct. 4, 1896 – David Allgyer, Lancaster
Nov. 8, 1896 – Aquilla Riehl, Bird-in-Hand R1
Nov. 25, 1896 – Amos H. Fisher, Ronks R1
Feb. 1, 1897 – Elam A. Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1, Pa.
Feb. 17, 1897 – Amos K. Zook, Bird-in-Hand, Pa.
Mar. 11, 1897 – Moses Y. Beiler, Ronks R1, Pa.
Mar. 12, 1897 – David B. Beiler, Hartman Station Rd., Lancaster
Mar. 21, 1897 – Elam S. Fisher, Gordonville R1, Pa.
May 12, 1897 – Amos S. Esh, Queen Rd., Intercourse
July 17, 1897 – Stephen S. Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1
Aug. 12, 1897 – John P. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Pa.
Sep. 10, 1897 – Christian L. King, Ronks R1
Sep. 26, 1897 – John K. Lapp, New Holland R1
Oct. 5, 1897 – Samuel L. Blank, New Holland R2
Oct. 12, 1897 – Elias R. Beiler, Gordonville R1

Women

Sep. 25, 1872 – Salina, widow of Enos Stoltzfus 2198 Hobson Road, Lancaster
Dec. 25, 1884 – Sarah, widow of Daniel E. Stoltzfus Bird-in-Hand R1
July 3, 1886 – Fannie, widow of Amos U. Stoltzfus Ronks R1
Oct. 24, 1887 – Sallie, widow of Joseph E. Stoltzfus Bird-in-Hand R1
May 12, 1888 – Rachel, widow of Moses Lapp Gap R1
Dec. 25, 1888 – Mary, widow of Daniel Stoltzfus Leola R1
Aug. 6, 1890 – Rebecca, widow of Samuel Smucker Gordonville R1
Dec. 17, 1890 – Lizzie, widow of Jacob F. Lapp Gap R1
Jan. 14, 1891 – Annie, widow of John B. Miller Bird-in-Hand R1
Dec. 8, 1891 – Barbara, widow of John R. Beiler Kinzers R1
Jan. 17, 1892 – Rebecca, widow of Daniel M. Fisher Lancaster R4
Dec. 23, 1892 – Katie, widow of Henry F. Stoltzfus Geist Rd., Lancaster
Jan. 8, 1893 – Lydia, widow of Josiah L. Beiler, Kinzers R1
Jan. 31, 1893 – Fannie, wife of Emanuel S. Stoltzfus Churchtown
Mar. 19, 1893 – Lydia, widow of Jonathan L. Beiler Quarryville R3
April 16, 1893 – Cora, wife of Christian K. Lapp Intercourse
June 21, 1893 – Rachel, widow of Christian M. Lapp New Holland R2
Dec. 30, 1893 – Annie, widow of Isaac P. Stoltzfus Gordonville R1
Apr. 1, 1894 – Miss Emma Riehl, 149 Iris Drive Lancaster, Pa. 17602
April 20, 1894 – Sarah, widow of Gideon Diener Gap R1
June 14, 1894 – Malinda, widow of Abner Stoltzfus and of Joel King, Bird-in-Hand R1
July 2, 1894 – Emma, widow of Michael Stoltzfus Gap R1
Nov. 5, 1894 – Annie, wife of John F. Stoltzfoos Bird-in-Hand R1
Jan. 8, 1895 – Fannie, widow of Amos S. Fisher Kinzers R1
Feb. 24, 1895 – Malinda, widow of Jacob K. Lapp Gordonville R1
Sept. 6, 1895 – Hannah, wife of Aaron M. Beiler 99 Witmer Rd., Lancaster

SENIOR MEMBERS, Continued
Lancaster Co., Pa., Continued

Sept. 6, 1895 – Lydia, wife of Amos S. Esh
Intercourse
Sept. 26, 1895 – Sadie, widow of Jacob Peachey
163 W. Main St., Leola
Nov. 18, 1895 – Annie, widow of Enos King
Paradise R1
Nov. 24, 1895 – Lydia, widow of Levi L. Lapp
Gordonville R1
Dec. 11, 1895 – Rebecca, widow of John U. Fisher
Paradise R1
Jan. 3, 1896 – Mamie, widow of Elmer Z. Stoltzfus
Kinzers R1
Mar. 9, 1896 – Rachel, widow of Moses B. Stoltzfoos
Leola R1
May 12, 1896 – Mary, wife of Jonas S. Fisher
Ronks R1
Oct. 15, 1896 – Annie, wife of Moses Y. Beiler
Ronks R1
Dec. 24, 1896 – Miss Ada M. Stoltzfoos, Leola R1
Jan. 16, 1897 – Rebecca, widow of Benuel B. Stoltzfus,
Honey Brook R1
Feb. 17, 1897 – Sarah, widow of Jacob Flaud,
Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
Mar. 21, 1897 – Fannie, widow of Samuel L. Fisher,
Kinzers R1
Apr. 15, 1897 – Katie, wife of Jonathan Zook,
Gridley Road, Lancaster
June 22, 1897 – Emma, wife of Aaron B. Stoltzfus,
Ronks R1, Pa.
June 24, 1897 – Miss Lydia Riehl, 149 Iris Drive
Lancaster, Pa. 17602
July 5, 1897 – Elsie, widow of John A. King,
Kinzers R1, Pa.
Oct. 9, 1897 – Susan, wife of David Allgyer,
Lancaster R5, Pa.
Nov. 8, 1897 – Fannie, widow of Moses Riehl,
Mascot Road, Ronks R1, Pa.

Marriage Date Couples, age 80 and over
Nov. 20, 1913 – John F. and Annie (Lapp) Stoltzfoos
Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
Nov. 27, 1913 – Emanuel S. and Fannie (Stoltzfus)
Stoltzfus, Churchtown
Nov. 9, 1916 – Jonas S. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher,
Old Phila. Pike, Ronks R1
Nov. 27, 1917 – Amos S. and Lydia (Fisher) Esh,
Queens Road, Intercourse, Pa.
Dec. 3, 1917 – Moses Y. and Annie S. (Lapp) Beiler
Harvest Drive, Ronks R1
Dec. 16, 1920 – Aaron M. and Hannah (Hertzler)
Beiler, 99 Witmer Road, Lancaster

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania
Oct. 30, 1893 – Elam G. Stoltzfus, Myerstown R2

Clinton County, Pennsylvania
Nov. 9, 1894 – Lavina, wife of Bishop Daniel E.
Stoltzfus, Sugar Valley
Nov. 6, 1896 – Daniel E. Stoltzfus

McClure, Pennsylvania
Aug. 16, 1889 – Bishop Samuel S. Yoder, Reedsville
Born in Nebraska

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania
Apr. 3, 1887 – Miss Katie M. Peachey
Apr. 8, 1887 – Samuel Sharp
May 2, 1888 – Mary, widow of Josiah H. Peachey
Oct. 24, 1890 – Lizzie, widow of Bishop Noah D.
Yoder
Dec. 31, 1896 – Noah L. Peachey
Apr. 2, 1896 – Iddo W. Bender

Path Valley, Pennsylvania
Aug. 15, 1884 – Sarah, widow of Daniel Zook
Oct. 17, 1889 – Menno D. Swarey, Dry Run, Pa.

Oakland, Maryland
Aug. 14, 1892 – Simon Swartzentruber, Oakland R2
July 18, 1894 – Noah D. Schrock, Oakland R2

Somerset County, Pennsylvania
Nov. 21, 1881 – Benjamin S. Summy, Meyersdale
Mar. 19, 1887 – Mrs. Samuel U. Yoder, Salisbury
Feb. 16, 1890 – Mrs. Mary J. Yoder, Grantsville, Md.
July 12, 1895 – Bennie A. Fisher
July 24, 1895 – Mrs. Albert U. Yoder, Grantsville, Md.

New Wilmington, Pennsylvania
Oct. 3, 1881 – Isaac Y. Byler, New Wilmington
May 12, 1887 – John B. Kurtz, Volant R3
Oct. 9, 1888 – Jacob S. Byler, New Wilmington
Sept. 23, 1891 – Mrs. Fannie Kurtz, New Wilmington
May 24, 1890 – Mrs. Anna M. Byler, New Wilmington
July 15, 1891 – Mrs. Jonathan D. Byler, New Wilmington
Dec. 12, 1892 – John E. Byler, New Wilmington
May 2, 1893 – Jonathan D. Byler, New Wilmington R1

Conewango Valley, New York
Oct. 2, 1889 – Ben Y. Yoder
Feb. 14, 1891 – Bishop Ben L. Shetler
Dec. 13, 1894 – Lydia, wife of Ben Y. Yoder

Norfolk, R2, New York
Mrs. Lydia (Wickey) Troyer, age 83

Geauga County, Ohio
June 27, 1878 – Mrs. Eli J. (Amanda) Miller
May 12, 1886 – John J. Fisher
June 4, 1888 – Mrs. Jake (Mary Ann) Hostetler
Dec. 29, 1888 – Mrs. Monroe (Mary Ann) Shrock
Dec. 6, 1889 – Mrs. Jonas E. (Amanda) Stutzman
Sep. 15, 1890 – Melvin A. Miller
Jan. 6, 1892 – Eli P. Miller
Jan. 27, 1892 – Mrs. Eli P. (Katie) Miller
May 9, 1892 – Mrs. Jake S. (Mattie) Mast
Nov. 18, 1892 – Mrs. Joe C. (Susan) Schmucker
Dec. 16, 1892 – John C. Miller
Sep. 30, 1893 – Mrs. Adam (Mary) Wengerd
Oct. 17, 1893 – Mrs. Jonathan P. (Nannie) Miller
Nov. 23, 1893 – Joe D. Byler
Jan. 16, 1894 – Miss Lizzie M. Hershberger
Jan. 25, 1894 – Mrs. John C. (Sarah) Miller
Jan. 25, 1894 – Mrs. Eli N. (Susie) Miller

Aug. 23, 1894 – Mrs. Eli N. P. (Lizzie) Miller
Oct. 20, 1894 – Dea. John J. Kurtz
Nov. 15, 1894 – John Hostetler
Feb. 24, 1895 – Miss Barbara N. Byler
Mar. 5, 1895 – Jonathan P. Miller
Sam M. Hostetler
Jonas Schmucker

Holmes County, Ohio

July 15, 1882 – Emanuel B. Miller, Millersburg Star Rt.
Oct. 23, 1882 – Samuel B. Weaver, Millersburg R5
Dec. 8, 1882 – Susan, widow of Mose D. Wengerd Millersburg R5
Feb. 10, 1883 – Mose J. Yoder, Millersburg R4
Mar. 11, 1883 – Andrew M. Kauffman, Millersburg R5
Nov. 25, 1883 – Emma, wife of Joe C. D. Miller Fredericksburg R2
Jan. 2, 1884 – Bishop Jacob J. Mast, Millersburg R5
Feb. 15. 1884 – John D. Troyer, Millersburg R4
Nov. 11, 1884 – Mose N. Yoder, Millersburg R5
May 1, 1885 – Mrs. Dan B. Miller, Baltic R1, Ohio
Sept. 14, 1885 – Martha, widow of Andrew J. Miller Charm, Ohio
Dec. 31, 1885 – William J. Mullet, Dundee R1
Oct. 23, 1886 – Mose J. Mast, Baltic, Ohio
Feb. 5, 1887 – Mrs. Joni (Lizzie) Miller, Apple Creek R2
Sept. 15, 1887 – Lydia, wife of Daniel D. Swartzentruber, Dundee R1
Jan. 15, 1888 – Anna, widow of Abe C. Bontrager, Millersburg R4
June 4, 1888 – Susan, widow of Sam Yoder, Fredericksburg R2
June 22, 1888 – Mary, widow of Steve S. Miller, Millersburg Star Route
Aug. 26, 1888 – John E. Miller, Holmesville R1
Oct. 11, 1888 – Jonathan Raber, Lakeville R1
Jan. 6, 1889 – Lizzie, widow of Abe J. Mast, Millersburg R4
May 10, 1889 – Samuel J. Schlabach, Fredericksburg 1
Jan. 3, 1890 – Bishop Menno Schlabach, Baltic R1
Jan. 14, 1890 – Abe Kauffman, Sugarcreek, Ohio
Mar. 5, 1890 – Albert B. Yoder, Fredericksburg R2
Jan. 21, 1891 – John E. Yoder, Fredericksburg R2
Mar. 2, 1891 – Eli D. Hershberger, Holmesville R1
June 3, 1891 – Mattie, widow of Andy Burkholder Millersburg R5
June 30, 1891 – Martin J. Hochstetler, Applecreek, O.
Aug. 13, 1891 – Michael J. Yoder, Dundee R2
Sept. 6, 1891 – Mary, widow of Harry Kauffman, Charm, Ohio
Sept. 30, 1891 – Mary, widow of Dan J. Schlabach, Fredericksburg R2
Nov. 28, 1891 – Mary, widow of Levi Hershberger Millersburg Star Route
Dec. 8, 1891 – Sarah, widow of Eli J. Yoder Millersburg R5
Feb. 4, 1892 – Enos A. Miller, Baltic R1
April 7, 1892 – Manasses J. Yoder, Fredericksburg R1
May 22, 1892 – Katie Ann, widow of Dan J. Hershberger, Sugarcreek R1
June 9, 1892 – Katie, widow of Eli J. Kurtz, Dundee
June 21, 1892 – Emma, widow of Ben J. Miller Millersburg Star Route
July 10, 1892 – Mary, widow of Amon B. Troyer, Sugarcreek, Ohio
July 27, 1892 – Adam E. Yoder, Millersburg Star Rt.
Oct. 17, 1892 – Mrs. Albert J. Beachy
Oct. 25, 1892 – Amanda, wife of Eli T. Miller Millersburg R5
Dec. 12, 1892 – Benj. E. Troyer, Millersburg R4
Jan. 3, 1893 – Mary, wife of Enos A. Miller, Baltic R1
Feb. 2, 1893 – Jacob E. Hershberger, Applecreek R2
Feb. 16, 1893 – Emma, wife of Abe Kauffman, Sugarcreek, Ohio
Mar. 10, 1893 – Mattie, wife of Albert B. Yoder, Fredericksburg R2
April 9, 1893 – Mary, wife of Jonathan Raber, Lakeville R1
April 9, 1893 – Elizabeth, wife of Martin J. Hochstetler, Applecreek, Ohio
Aug. 5, 1893 – Mary, wife of John N. Hershberger Applecreek R1
Aug. 7 , 1893 – John N. Miller, Dundee R1
Aug. 25, 1893 – Sarah, widow of Mose S. Yoder, Wilmot, Ohio
Sept. 11, 1893 – Ammon S. Swartzentruber, Millersburg R3
Oct. 17, 1893 – Mattie, wife of Christian C. Yoder Millersburg R4
Nov. 24, 1893 – Jonas D. Yoder Millersburg R5
Dec. 8, 1893 – Elizabeth, widow of Rudy J. Yoder Sugarcreek R2
Dec. 12, 1893 – Mary Ann, wife of John E. Yoder Fredericksburg R2
Feb. 5, 1894 – Joas A. Troyer, Fredericksburg R2
April 4, 1894 – Lydiann, wife of Adam E. Yoder Millersburg Star Route
April 6, 1894 – Lizzie, widow of Emanuel Gingerich Millersburg R5
Apr. 24, 1894 – Mrs. Sam A. (Susie) Yoder, Sugar Creek R2, Ohio
April 24, 1894 – Lizzie, widow of Jacob Barkman, Sugar Creek
July 20, 1894 – Dan E. Hershberger, Millersburg R3
July 20, 1894 – Lovina, widow of Albert J. Troyer, Millersburg Star Route
Oct. 15, 1894 – Amanda, widow of Eli J. Hershberger Millersburg R5
Nov. 8, 1894 – Eli J. Miller, Fredericksburg R2
Dec. 9, 1894 – Lydia, wife of Phineas M. Troyer Baltic R1
Dec. 17, 1894 – Abraham E. Miller, Winesburg, Ohio
Jan. 8, 1895 – Harvey J. Schlabach, Millersburg R5
Feb. 2, 1895 – Miss Rebecca Miller, Sugarcreek R2
Feb. 4, 1895 – Eli T. Miller, Millersburg R5
Feb. 14, 1895 – Dan J. W. Yoder, Millersburg R4
Feb. 20, 1895 – Rebecca, wife of Alvin J. Miller Sugarcreek R2
Mar. 15, 1895 – Harry E. Weaver, Wooster R3
April 9, 1895 – Annie, widow of Jacob E. Kline Millersburg R5

SENIOR MEMBERS, Continued

Holmes County, Ohio, Continued

April 16, 1895 – Ada, wife of Jacob J. Chupp, Holmesville R1
May 27, 1895 – Benj. Troyer, Fredericksburg R2
June 27, 1895 – Jacob J. Chupp, Holmesville R1
July 9, 1895 – Joe C. D. Miller, Fredericksburg R2
July 9, 1895 – Mrs. Emanuel (Susan) Miller, Sugar Creek R2
July 9, 1895 – Mrs. Susan D. Yoder, Sugarcreek R2
Aug. 14, 1895 – Drusilla, widow of Jacob M. Miller Sugar Creek R2
Oct. 20, 1895 – Abe N. Troyer, R1, Box 30, Wilmot
Dec. 12, 1895 – Mrs. Sarah Miller, Sugar Creek R2
Jan. 2, 1896 – Bishop Abe N. Miller, Millersburg R5
Jan. 9, 1896 – Levi N. Raber, Baltic R1
Jan. 28, 1896 – Mike A. Miller, R2, Box 9A, Sugarcreek
Feb. 27, 1896 – Alvin J. Miller, Sugar Creek R2
Apr. 20, 1896 – Jacob C. Schlabach, Millersburg Star R.
Aug. 10, 1896 – Levi J. Hochstetler, Millersburg R5
July 27, 1897 – Mrs. Abe J. (Mary) Yoder, Sugarcreek R2
Oct. 12, 1897 – Mrs. Ervin J. (Mary Ann) Mullet, Sugarcreek R1

Marriage Date Couples, age 80 and over
Dec. 19, 1912 – Albert B. and Mattie Yoder, Fredericksburg R2
Dec. 4, 1913 – Martin J. and Elizabeth Hochstetler, Applecreek, Ohio
Jan. 27, 1915 – Adam E. and Lydiann Yoder, Millersburg Star Route
Jan. 11, 1916 – John E. and Mary Ann Yoder Fredericksburg R2
March 1917 – Jacob J. and Ada Marie Chupp Holmesville R1
Nov. 1, 1917 – Enos A. and Mary Miller, Baltic R1
Dec. 4, 1917 – Christian C. and Mattie Yoder, Millersburg R4
Feb. 4, 1919 – Joe C. D. and Emma Miller, Fredericksburg R2
Jan. 15, 1920 – Eli T. and Amanda Miller, Millersburg R5
Jan. 30, 1930 – Jonathan and Mary Raber, Lakeville R1
Dec. 23, 1956 – Benj. and Katie Ann Troyer Fredericksburg R2
Aug. 12, 1962 – Abe and Emma Kauffman, Sugarcreek

Couples Married over 50 Years

Marriage Date
Dec. 9, 1912 – Albert B. and Mattie Yoder Fredericksburg R2
Jan. 14, 1913 – John D. and Anna Troyer Millersburg R4
Dec. 4, 1913 – Martin J. and Elizabeth Hochstetler Apple Creek
Jan. 15, 1914 – Daniel D. and Lydia Swartzentruber Dundee R1
Jan. 27, 1915 – Adam E. and Lydiann Yoder Star Route, Millersburg
Mar. 17, 1915 – Albert J. and Lovina Keim, Millersburg R4
Jan. 11, 1916 – John E. and Mary Ann Yoder, Fredericksburg R2
Mar. 9, 1817 – Jacob J. and Ada Chupp, Holmesville R1
Nov. 1, 1917 – Enos and Mary Miller, Baltic R1
Dec. 4, 1917 – Christian C. and Mattie Yoder Millersburg R4
Jan. 3, 1918 – John H. and Malinda Miller, Berlin
Dec. 26, 1918 – Levi N. and Susan Raber, Baltic R1
Feb. 4, 1919 – Joe C. D. and Emma Miller, Fredericksburg R2
Feb. 27, 1919 – Andy Y. and Katie, Apple Creek R1
Feb. 27, 1919 – Ezra J. and Ada Miller, Dundee R1
Mar. 9, 1919 – John J. E. and Sarah Miller, Millersburg R5
Dec. 25, 1919 – Andy J. and Susie Yoder, Millersburg R4
Jan. 15, 1920 – Eli T. and Amanda Miller Millersburg R5
Jan. 13, 1921 – Levi J. and Mary Hochstetler Millersburg R5
Mar. 17, 1921 – Abe N. and Fannie Troyer, R1, Box 30, Wilmot
Nov. 23, 1922 – John M. and Lydia Raber, Baltic R1
Jan. 25, 1923 – Jeff N. and Amanda Miller, Baltic R1
Mar. 1, 1923 – Jonas M. and Lizzie Ann Nisley, Apple Creek R1
Aug. 21, 1923 – Dan E. and Rebecca Hershberger Winesburg
Dec. 20, 1923 – Yost E. and Lizzie Yoder Big Prairie
Dec. 20, 1923 – Abe J. and Sarah Hochstetler Millersburg Star Route
Dec. 25, 1923 – Eli J. C. and Clara Miller Millersburg R5
Dec. 25, 1923 – Nelson D. and Mary Ann Yoder Sugar Creek R1
Jan. 1, 1924 – Levi J. and Saloma Raber Millersburg R4, Box 71
Mar. 20, 1924 – Levi L. and Sarah Stutzman Millersburg Star Route
Dec. 25, 1924 – Abe C. and Emma Raber, Millersburg R2
Jan. 2, 1925 – Jonas T. and Lovina Miller Fredericksburg R2
Jan. 8, 1925 – John A. and Mary Schlabach, Sugarcreek R1
Jan. 8, 1925 – Joseph C. and Edna Wengerd Dundee R1
Jan. 22, 1925 – Andrew C. and Anna Yoder Dundee R1
Feb. 5, 1925 – John E. and Mattie Kline, Millersburg R4
Feb. 12, 1925 – Andrew E. and Fannie Miller, Sugar Creek
Feb. 24, 1925 – Benj. M. and Lydian Beachy Sugar Creek R1
Feb. 24, 1925 – John J. M. and Lizzie Ann Miller Sugar Creek R1
Nov. 12, 1925 – John A. and Fannie Miller Millersburg R5

Dec. 3, 1925 – Dan N. and Lizzie Hershberger, Apple Creek
Dec. 29, 1925 – Albert L. and Katie Ann Yoder Millersburg R4
Jan. 12, 1926 – Abe J. C. and Anna Miller Millersburg R5
Jan. 14, 1926 – John J. D. and Susan Miller Dundee R1
Jan. 21, 1926 – Emanuel A. and Mattie Troyer, Baltic R1
Feb. 9, 1926 – Roy J. and Lizzie Miller Fredericksburg R2
Feb. 18, 1926 – Noah J. and Lovina Coblentz Sugar Creek R2
Feb. 25, 1926 – David E. and Mahala Miller Millersburg R5, Box 104
Feb. 3, 1927 – Mose J. and Susie Coblentz, Millersburg Star Route

Couples Married 50 Years or More

Joe Y. and Sarah (Frey) Miller, Sugarcreek R2, Ohio
Bishop Noah J. and Lovina (Yoder) Coblentz, Sugarcreek R2, Ohio
Mose J. and Ada (Miller) Wengerd, Sugar Creek R2
Noah R. and Emma (Pfister) Yoder, Sugar Creek R2
Pre. William R. and Susie (Pfister) Yoder, Sugarcreek R2
Alvin J. and Rebecca (Hershberger) Miller, Sugarcreek R2
Mose J. E. and Elizabeth (Miller) Miller, Millersburg R4

Centreville, Michigan

Aug. 2, 1896 - Elizabeth, widow of John Bontrager
Mar. 5, 1897 - Ida, widow of Benedict Yoder
June 5, 1897 - Anna N., widow of Clemence Miller
Aug. 11, 1901 - Emma, wife of William P. Miller
Mar. 29, 1902 - William P. Miller
Married March 29, 1923
Sept. 17, 1903 - Caroline A., widow of Eli P. Miller
Oct. 11, 1906 - Elizabeth, widow of Sam Eicher
Jan. 6, 1908 - David D. Yoder
Aug. 2, 1809 - Barbara, widow of Joas D. Schlabach

Mio, Michigan

Nov. 11, 1888 – Delilah Hershberger

Adams County, Indiana

Nov. 13, 1885 – Mrs. Christian Neuenschwander, Berne
June 17, 1887 – Mrs. Samuel J. Christner, Geneva R1
Mar. 27, 1888 – Samuel J. Christner, Geneva R1
July 5, 1889 – Christian P. Neuenschwander, Berne
Sept. 20, 1890 – Mrs. Margaret P. Schwartz, Geneva R1
June 6, 1892 – Mrs. Barbara J. Eicher, Monroe R1
Dec. 7, 1893 – John J. Schwartz, Monroe R1
Dec. 8, 1893 – Joseph L. Schwartz, Monroe R1
Oct. 18, 1896 – Mrs. Joseph L. Schwartz, Monroe R1

Marriage Date Couples Married 50 Years or more
Oct. 12, 1907 – Samuel J. and Elizabeth (Miller) Christner, Geneva R1
Dec. 23, 1915 – Joseph L. and Elizabeth (Wickey) Schwartz, Monroe R1
Dec. 28, 1919 – Jacob L. and Mandy (Herschberger) Shetler, Monroe R1

Allen County, Indiana

May 1, 1891 – Bertha (Kauffman) Eicher
May 1, 1895 – Katie (Graber) Delagrange

LaGrange and Elkhart Counties, Indiana

Mar. 8, 1881 – Menno Bontrager, Middlebury
Aug. 16, 1882 – Mrs. Joe (Delilah) Bontrager, Millersburg R1
Jan. 29, 1883 – Mrs. Joseph (Fannie) Slabach, Middlebury R3
Feb. 8, 1883 – John I. Bontrager, Shipshewana
Dec. 12, 1883 – Mrs. Ed J. (Anna) Hochstetler, Howe
Mar. 23, 1884 – Mrs. Eli (Barbara) Hochstedler, Middlebury R3
Feb. 10, 1885 – Dea. Mose F. Miller,Millersburg R1
May 22, 1886 – Andrew Eash, LaGrange
April 26, 1887 – Al J. Kaufman, Middlebury R1
May 10, 1887 – Mrs. Al J. (Clara) Kaufman, Middleb.
Dec. 16, 1887 – Osa Schlabach, Goshen R1
July 14, 1888 – David J. Kaufman, Shipshewana
Nov. 4, 1888 – Mrs. David R. (Lydia) Bontrager, Millersburg R1
Dec. 13, 1888 – Mrs. Henry (Susie) Miller, Topeka
April 18, 1889 – Mrs. Mose (Barbara) Glick, Topeka
July 20, 1889 – John I. Yoder, Middlebury R3
Sept. 4, 1889 – Mrs. Andy S. (Lydia) Miller, Middlebury R3
Sept. 5, 1889 – Samuel Barkman, LaGrange R4
Nov. 1, 1889 – Dea. Ervin J. Miller, Topeka R1
Nov. 3, 1889 – Dea. Menno E. Hershberger, Topeka
Feb. 24, 1890 – Dea. Levi B. Hostetler, Shipshewana
Mar. 4, 1890 – Mrs. Menno J. (Susie) Yoder, Topeka
Sept. 1, 1890 – Jacob S. Schlabach, Topeka
Nov. 18, 1890 – Bishop Dan B. Bontrager, LaGrange 4
Nov. 21, 1890 – Enos N. Mullet, Shipshewana R1
Dec. 29, 1890 – Mrs. Jacob (Lydian) Schrock, Middlebury R3
Feb. 17, 1891 – Dea. Sam J. Gingerich, Middlebury
Feb, 19, 1891 – Mrs. Jacob (Nora) Wingard, Middlebury R3
Mar. 15, 1891 – Minister Ira S. Miller, Goshen R1
Mar. 18, 1891 – Lawrence Yoder,Middlebury
May 15, 1891 – Mrs. Benjamin A. (Anna) Raber, Topeka R1
Sept. 6, 1891 – Rudy J. Troyer, Middlebury R3
Oct. 20, 1891 – Levi M. J. Yoder, Shipshewana R1
Mar. 13, 1892 – Mrs. Christian (Mattie) Miller, Topeka
Mar. 24, 1892 – Amos S. Miller, Topeka
April 19, 1892 – John E. Miller, Topeka R1
July 13, 1892 – Harvey A. Miller, Middlebury
July 17, 1892 – Miss Susan S. Miller, Goshen
Aug. 6, 1892 – Mrs. Levi M. (Mary) Yoder, Shipshewana
Sept. 26, 1892 – John D. Miller, Goshen
Dec. 5, 1892 – Mrs. Jacob E. (Mary) Hochstetler Shipshewana R2
July 8, 1893 – Mrs. Menno S. (Sarah) Eash, Topeka R1
July 15, 1893 – Menno S. Beachy, Millersburg
Nov. 25, 1893 – Amos E. Yoder, Goshen
Dec. 8, 1893 – Mrs. Albert (Anna) Hochstetler, Topeka R2

SENIOR MEMBERS, Continued
LaGrange and Elkhart Counties, Ind., Continued
Mar. 23, 1894 – Levi L. Bontrager, Topeka
April 3, 1894 – Jacob E. Hochstetler, Shipshewana R1
April 17, 1894 – Mrs. Jacob V. (Elizabeth) Lambright LaGrange R4
May 16, 1894 – Dea. Jonathan F. Miller, Shipshewana
May 18, 1894 – Mrs. Elmer E. (Lizzie Ann) Schrock LaGrange
June 23, 1894 – Mrs. Harry P. (Fannie) Miller, Goshen
July 3, 1894 – Miss Fannie S. Miller, Goshen
July 21, 1894 – Jacob J. Miller, LaGrange R4
Sept. 17, 1894 – Noah Hershberger, Topeka R2
Oct. 2, 1894 – Mrs. Abe (Barbara) Yoder, Shipshewana
Nov. 3, 1894 – Noah J. Fry, Topeka
Nov. 13, 1894 – Mrs. Ezra (Susie) Bontrager, Middlebury R3
Dec. 3, 1894 – David Mast, Middlebury R3
Dec. 20, 1894 – Mrs. William L. (Mattie) Bontrager, Shipshewana R1
Mar. 1, 1895 – Mrs. Levi B. (Lovina) Hostetler, Shipshewana R2
Mar. 27, 1895 – Albert J. Lehman, Wolcottville
June 11, 1895 – Mrs. Levi (Amanda) Wingard, Shipshewana R2
July 8, 1895 – Jacob S. Wickey, Shipshewana
July 21, 1895 – Mrs. David K. (Lydia) Bontrager, Shipshewana
Aug. 24, 1895 – Mrs. Dan J. (Lydia) Schrock, LaGrange
Sept. 22, 1895 – Pre. (Blind) David A. Beachy, Topeka
Dec. 20, 1895 – Daniel C. Beechy

Marriage Date Couples Married 50 Years or More
Nov. 26, 1908 – Al J. and Clara (Miller) Kaufman Middlebury
Jan. 8, 1914 – Amos E. and Sarah (Schrock) Yoder, Goshen
Jan. 28, 1915 – Albert J. and Anna (Hochstetler) Lehman, Wolcottville
Feb. 27, 1916 – Harvey E. and Carrie (Stethen) Miller, Middlebury
Nov. 8, 1916 – William D. and Susie (Yoder) Yoder, Topeka R1
Feb. 15, 1917 – David J. and Susie (Mast) Mast, Middlebury R1
Dec. 13, 1917 – Menno S. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Beachy, Millersburg R1
Jan. 10, 1918 – Amos S. and Edna (Yoder) Miller, Topeka R2
Jan. 24, 1918 – Jacob E. and Mary (Christner) Hochstetler, Shipshewana R2
Jan. 31, 1918 – Levi D. and Amelia (Lehman) Mast, Topeka R1
Feb. 13, 1919 – William S. and Edna Mae (Miller) Miller, LaGrange
Feb. 27, 1919 – Ezra L. and Susie (Lehman) Bontrager Middlebury R1
Mar. 13, 1919 – Daniel C. and Susie (Miller) Beachy, Millersburg
Nov. 13, 1919 – John A. and Anna (Frey) Beachy, Topeka
Dec. 4, 1919 – Manas C. and Mary (Christner) Hochstetler, Millersburg
Dec. 25, 1919 – Cornelius D. and Fannie (Bontrager) Troyer, Topeka
Jan. 29, 1920 – Noah and Mary (Whetstone) Hershberger, Topeka
Feb. 12, 1920 – Dan J. and Lydia (Miller) Schrock, LaGrange
Oct. 13, 1921 – Mose D. and Lucy (Graber) Bontrager, Middlebury
Nov. 12, 1921 – Tobias J. and Lizzie (Troyer) Lambright, Topeka
Jan. 15, 1922 – Henry and Sovilla (Weirich) Hochstetler, Middlebury
Mar. 2, 1922 – Perry M. and Anna (Miller) Yoder, Shipshewana
Nov. 28, 1922 – Abe S. and Leah (Lambright) Mast, Ligonier
Nov. 30, 1922 – Eli J. and Anna (Christner) Troyer, LaGrange
Feb. 27, 1923 – Chris L. and Alma (Eash) Miller, Topeka
June 24, 1923 – Eli A. and Anna (Yoder) Bontrager, Shipshewana
Jan. 3, 1924 – Bishop Joe S. K. and Katie (Yoder) Bontrager, Middlebury
Jan. 3, 1924 – Bishop Eli S. and Sarah (Hershberger) Lehman, LaGrange
May 15, 1924 – Jacob S. and Wilma (Troyer) Miller, Wolcottville
July 27, 1924 – Levi J. and Susie (Schrock) Christner Wolcottville

Nappanee, Indiana area
Men
Jan. 18, 1881 – Eli S. Schmucker, Nappanee R3
Feb. 7, 1883 – Manesses I. Hochstetler, Nappanee R2
Feb. 7, 1883 – Manasses A. Miller, Logensport, Ind.
Feb. 21, 1883 – Tobias J. Slabaugh, Nappanee R2
Nov. 21, 1888 – Min. Andrew Miller, Nappanee R2
Oct. 13, 1889 – David J. Borkholder, Nappanee R3
Dec. 12, 1890 – Bishop John L. Schwartz, Nappanee R2
Oct. 18, 1891 – Levi C. Hochstetler, Nappanee R4
May 1, 1892 – Menno W. Yoder, Nappanee R2
July 20, 1892 – Min. John M. Miller, Nappanee R3
May 24, 1893 – Elmer B. Troyer, Nappanee R2
Women
Nov. 18, 1888 – Mrs. Andrew (Lizzie) Miller, Nappanee
Sept. 5, 1889 – Mrs. Noah J. (Lizzie) Borkholder, Nappanee R3
Oct. 10, 1891 – Mrs. Ira C. (Catherine) Hochstetler, Bremen R1
May 28, 1892 – Mrs. John A. (Fannie) Hochstetler, Nappanee R4
Nov. 6, 1893 – Mrs. Levi J. (Emma) Hochstetler, Nappanee R2
June 20, 1894 – Mrs. John C. (Susan) Chupp, Nappanee

Marriage Date Couples Married 50 Years or More
1912 – Andrew and Lizzie (Troyer) Miller, Nappanee R2, c/o Owen Miller
Jan. 23, 1916 – John A. and Fannie (Miller) Hochstetler, Nappanee R4
Nov. 9, 1916 – Levi J. and Emma (Miller) Hochstetler Nappanee R2

Dec. 6, 1917 – John M. and Anna (Miller) Miller, Nappanee R2
April 4, 1918 – Menno W. and Malinda (Miller) Yoder, Nappanee R2
Feb. 1, 1920 – Eli J. and Sara (Miller) Hochstetler, Nappanee R2
Dec. 12, 1920 – Mose W. and Barbara (Bender) Yoder, Nappanee R3
Nov. 21, 1921 – Henry H. and Lydia Ann (Hoshstetler) Helmuth, Nappanee R3
Dec. 21, 1922 – Peter J. and Emma (Mullet) Graber, Etna Green R1
Jan. 3, 1924 – Eli J. and Lydia Ann (Stutzman) Mast, Nappanee R4
Feb. 21, 1924 – Uriah A. and Lizzie (Slabaugh) Mast Etna Green R1
Dec. 7, 1924 – Emanuel L. and Rosa (Hochstetler) Burkholder, Etna Green R1
Feb. 19, 1925 – Joseph J. and Amelia (Schmucker) Yoder, Nappanee R2

Kokomo, Indiana

Aug. 26, 1884 – Mrs. John (Mattie) Hochstedler
July 1, 1886 – Mrs. Joni (Amanda) Eash
Oct. 21, 1890 – Mrs. Tobias (Mattie) Yoder
Sept. 1, 1892 – Joe E. Herschberger
Nov. 4, 1894 – Mrs. Sam (Leah) Miller
Mar. 10, 1896 – Miss Tillie Helmuth

Arthur, Illinois

June 14, 1881 – Mrs. Ben (Katie) Yoder
Dec. 12, 1886 – Mrs. Ammon B. (Mattie) Miller
Feb. 27, 1887 – Mrs. Sam N. (Fannie) Beachy
1888 – Mrs. Joni (Mary Plank
July 14, 1890 – Mrs. John (Katie) Mast
Mar. 6, 1891 – Mrs. Jonas (Sadie) Mast
Aug. 25, 1892 – Miss Anna D. Beachy
Sept. 20, 1892 – Levi B. Miller
Nov. 14, 1892 – Mrs. Eli (Fannie) Otto
Jan. 12, 1893 – Mrs. Jeff (Rebecca) Kaufman
Jan. 16, 1893 – Mrs. Dan E. (Susan) Otto
July 23, 1893 – Mrs. David (Anna) Troyer
Aug. 17, 1893 – Mrs. William B. Schrock
Feb. 4, 1894 – Eli D. Yoder
Mar. 30, 1894 – Bishop Obed Diener
June 7, 1894 – Mrs. Obed (Anna) Diener
Aug. 23, 1895 – Jacob E. Hershberger

Marriage Date Married 50 Years or More

Oct. 23, 1919 – Jacob E. and Katie (Diener) Hershberger
Sept. 2, 1920 – Levi G. and Carrie (Kaufman) Miller
Jan. 25, 1921 – Menno A. and Barbara C. (Gingerich) Diener
Mar. 17, 1921 – Aaron A. and Lena G. (Kaufman) Miller
Jan. 25, 1923 – Chris J. and Edna (Bontrager) Helmuth
Oct. 18, 1923 – Herbert G. and Nancy J. (Kaufman) Miller
Dec. 20, 1923 – Adlai B. and Katie H. (Mast) Miller
Jan. 13, 1927 – Daniel J. and Fannie A. (Miller) Kaufman

Anabel, Missouri

Dec. 3, 1883 – Mrs. Menno (Mattie) Borntrager

Clark, Missouri

Aug. 13, 1890 – Elizabeth, widow of Edward Petersheim
Sept. 6, 1894 – John Y. Miller
May 14, 1900 – Mary (Bontrager) Miller, Married Oct. 31, 1920

Pike County, Missouri

June 13, 1892 – Harve D. Yoder
Feb. 7, 1894 – Moses J. Burkholder
Aug. 21, 1894 – Mrs. Moses (Maryann) Burkholder
Dec. 3, 1894 – Mrs. Lydia Mast
June 11, 1895 – Pre. Phenas M. Borntrager
Oct. 4, 1895 – Mrs. Elizabeth Schwartz

Married 50 Years

Nov. 18, 1915 – Moses and Maryann Burkholder
May 29, 1919 – Sam R. and Lizzie (Yoder) Borntrager
Jan. 1, 1925 – George D. and Lovina E. (Borntrager) Yoder
Feb. 3, 1925 – Joni E. and Lizzie J. (Stutzman) Bontrager

Mays County, Oklahoma

Sept. 3, 1888 – Moses M. Coblentz
June 26, 1893 – Joe Stutzman
June 18, 1895 – (wife) Fannie (Troyer) Stutzman Married January 1, 1914

Haven, Kansas

Jan. 8, 1891 – Pre. David K. Bontrager
Sept. 10, 1891 – Sam Beachy
Dec. 24, 1892 – Mrs. William (Sarah) Miller
Jan. 27, 1893 – Sam J. Petersheim
Dec. 7, 1893 – Mrs. Deemy Schrock, c/o Eli H. Bontrager
Oct. 14, 1894 – Mrs. David K. (Mary) Bontrager

Married 50 Years

Dec. 22, 1927 – Tobias R. and Anna (Borntrager) Schrock

Reno County (Partridge), Kansas

Nov. 6, 1893 – John Stutzman
Feb. 19, 1896 – Anna, wife of John Stutzman

Garnett, Kansas

Jan. 7, 1885 – Barbara, widow of Bish. John A. Yoder
Sept. 30, 1887 – Joni A. Yoder, Welda, Kansas
– Mrs. Joni A. Yoder

Buchanan County, Iowa

Dec, 18, 1890 – Mrs. Amos A. J. Yoder
Nov. 12, 1895 – Andy Kurtz Sr.
June 23, 1896 – Preacher Levi S. Miller
Jan. 14, 1897 – Ben M. Bontrager

Johnson County, Iowa

June 25, 1886 – Pre. Benedict T. Yoder
July 14, 1886 – Mrs. John S. (Mary) Yoder
Dec. 15, 1886 – Mrs. Enos (Annie) Yoder
Sept. 1, 1887 – Pre. Chris B. Miller
Feb. 8. 1889 – John D. Gingerich
Mar. 4, 1889 – Mrs. Dora Weaver
Dec. 23, 1889 – Mrs. Menno (Katie) Mast

SENIOR MEMBERS, Continued

Johnson County, Iowa, Continued

Nov. 8, 1890 – Mrs. Adam (Annie) Miller
May 6, 1891 – Mrs. Benedict T. Yoder
May 18, 1891 – Mrs. Jonas (Lena) Yoder
Oct. 18, 1891 – Dennis J. Miller
May 8, 1892 – Mrs. Menno I. Miller
Aug. 16, 1892 – Andy Beachy
Aug. 18, 1892 – Mrs. Bishop Ira (Ada) Nissley
Nov. 29, 1892 – Menno I. Miller
July 23, 1893 – Mrs. Fred Yoder
Dec. 20, 1893 – Mrs. A. J. (Ella) Beachy
Jan. 14, 1895 – Mrs. Andy Beachy
Feb. 18, 1895 – John Overholt
July 12, 1895 – Mrs. Barbara Chupp
Sept. 14, 1895 – Bishop Enos Swartzentruber
Dec. 23, 1895 – Mrs. Dennie J. Miller
Jan. 2, 1896 – Mrs. Jake Mast
Feb. 11, 1896 – Mrs. Joe F. Miller
Mar. 4, 1896 – Mrs. Pre. John Swantz

Blair, Wisconsin

July 12, 1894 – Mrs. Sam (Barbara) Mast

Wilton, Wisconsin

Sept. 13, 1893 – Christian M. Borntreger
Dec. 7, 1893 – Mrs. Christian (Lizzie) Borntreger
Married October 28, 1915

Amherst, Wisconsin

Mar. 5, 1895 – Katie, widow of Jake Beachy

Medford, Wisconsin

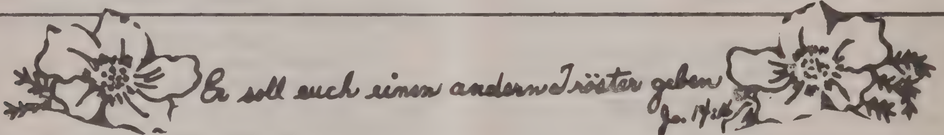
Aug. 22, 1887 – Widower Adam Borntrager
Mar. 16, 1890 – Mattie, widow of Yost Hochstetler

Tavistock, Ontario, Canada

Feb. 11, 1895 – Rachel, widow of Jonas Stoltzfus
Born in Lancaster County, Pa.

Norwich, Ontario

Feb. 10, 1891 – Dan D. Stutzman, Norwich R1
Jan. 22, 1894 – Mrs. Emanuel (Annie) Miller, Norwich1


Er soll euch einen andern Tröster geben
Jo. 14:16

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

By Amos L. Fisher

Corrections for "Miller Family of Shillington, Pa."

A few mistakes in the latter part of the article in last month's issue of The Diary were brought to our attention by Dr. Hugh Gingerich. Peter Hershberger was listed as a child on the ship coming to this country in 1737 on the "Charming Nancy" instead of the "Charming Polly." (Keim) Christian Miller was a brother-in-law to Peter Hershberger instead of a son-in-law. No. (416), May issue, lists Fannie Miller, married to Joseph Kurtz, as living in Juniata County. We know this is wrong but in the H. K. Martin's writing he says they lived and died in Berks County. But again we find that they lived in East Whiteland Township, Chester County, from 1800 till his death in 1815. No. (455), May issue, Solomon Yoder and his wife, Barbara Miller, had moved from Somerset County, Pennsylvania, to Green Bay Township, Wayne County, Ohio, by 1820 and sometime between 1840 and 1850 they were in Elkhart Township, Elkhart County, Indiana. No. (456), May issue, Susanna Yoder's husband, Michael Yoder, was a son of Jacob and Barbara (Hooley) Yoder of Mifflin County and Wayne County instead of Michael Yoder, Jacob in turn was a son of Michael Yoder of Leacock Township and later of Mifflin County. No. (458), May issue, Joseph Yoder was only married once, that was to Mary Farmwald, daughter of John and Anna (Wagler) Farmwald. No. (460), Leah Yoder was the first wife of Pre. Peter Blough of Wayne County. Under No. (464) Abraham Hershberger and wife moved to LaGrange County, Indiana, where they died instead of Somerset County. We also have only three children listed where there should be five, and a few sons died young. Joseph Hershberger, son of Abraham, married to Fanny Miller, daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Bontrager) Miller. To them were born nine children–namely, (1) Elizabeth Hershberger, born in 1834, married to Joseph J. Borntrager, this was his first wife, his second wife was Barbara Moyer. He was a minister of the Amish Church and had lived at Bloomfield, Montana. The other children of Joseph Hershberger were (2) Magdalena, married to Christian J. Hostetler, they moved to Shelbyville, Illinois; (3) Barbara, born in 1836, married to Levi Hostetler of Harrisburg, Oregon, their daughter, Fannie, married to Menno Hooley who in turn were the parents of Barbara Hooley who was married to Stephen Fisher, son of Joel and Elizabeth Fisher of Ronks; (4) Abraham of Garden City, Missouri, was married first to Magdalena Hershberger, second to Rachel Hooley; (5) Rachel, born in 1840, married to Jacob J. Schrock, they lived at Aurora, Oregon; (6) Anna, born in 1842, married to Daniel P. Miller of Middlebury, Indiana; (7) Sarah, born in 1846, married to Andrew Yoder of Topeka, Indiana; (8) Daniel, born in 1847, married first to Fannie Yoder, after she died he went to Latour, Missouri, and married to Sarah E. Hertzler. Another child of Abraham and Magdalena (Miller) Hershberger was Franey, married to Christian P. Hostetler, born in 1811, of LaGrange County, Indiana. She died of Typhoid Fever in 1860 and he in 1861. Rachel, daughter of Abraham and Magdalena (Miller) Hershberger, married to Henry H. Miller, their only child, Franey, married to David D. Lehman of Middlebury, Indiana, from this family there are some Amish descendants in Indiana. In May issue, page 113, No. (441) Jacob E. Kurtz's were not the parents of C. J. and Ira Kurtz. They were the sons of Jacob E. Kurtz's uncle, Jacob S. Kurtz, who was married to Lydia Mast.

From "The Harrisburg Patriot," May 2, 1977

I'd rather see a sermon, than hear one any day.
I'd rather one should walk with me, than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil, and more willing than the ear.
Fine counsil is confusing, but example's always clear.
I soon can learn to do it, if you'll let me see it done.
I can see your hands in action, but your tongue goes on the run.
All the lectures you deliver, may be very fine and true.
But I'd rather get my lesson, by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you, and the high advice you give.
But there's no misunderstanding, how you act and how you live.

Submitted by David Y. Renno

Farming and Gardening in the Bible

BY ALASTAIR I. MACKAY

Chapter 3

The Promised Land

"For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills, a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass....a land that floweth with milk and honey. For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: but the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven....I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full."

Such is the glowing picture of the Promised Land as set forth in the Fifth Book of Moses (*Deuteronomy* 8:7). In less descriptive language the pledge of a new homeland recurs in many scriptural passages; common to most of them is the familiar phrase, "A land of milk and honey." *Ezekiel*, in his 20th chapter, avers that the glory of all lands is to flow with milk and honey!

As we read the opening citation, the emphasis on water cannot be overlooked. Anyone who has had to endure long periods with scanty or uncertain water supply, and has had to share what little there was with his animals and perhaps with the thirsty plants in his garden, develops the deepest respect for abundant water. To the parched tribes wandering in the desert south of Canaan, inured to brackish and far-apart oasis wells, water galore meant more than the most tempting of food; for food, whether animal or vegetable, was directly dependent on water supply. The Israelites may have been remiss in their duty towards Jehovah in religious matters but they were ever grateful for the plenteous water He provided. Numerous passages testify to this: "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in due season; his leaf also shall not wither" (*Psalms 1:3*). The term "living waters" used in the Scriptures emphasized the difference between the bubbling brooks and gushing springs of Canaan, and the stagnant desert wells and dull ditch water of the Nile irrigation canals. Another reference to Egyptian irrigation practices was, "where thou sowedst thy seed and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs." Foot-propelled water wheels and treadmills fed water to irrigation ditches, a method still followed in the East.

Canaan means "low" or "flat" and the original land of Canaan was a level coastal strip bordering the Mediterranean. Its early history is vague. The 10th chapter of *Genesis* traces the genealogy of Canaan and the boundaries of the family holdings. "Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah; Shem, Ham, and Japheth....and the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan....And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite, and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterwards were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad. And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha." The 15th chapter of *Genesis* replaces some of these names with others, whilst *Deuteronomy* (7:1) reduces the Canaan tribes to seven, "seven nations greater and mightier than thou." Bordering races at the time of the Israelite occupation were the Ammonites, the Amalekites, the Edomites, the Midianites, the Moabites and the Philistines. The Israelites infiltrated in some districts and occupied others by force of arms, but the population remained heterogeneous. As the Hebrew conquest progressed, the territory occupied by the twelve tribes became known as the Land of Canaan, although its boundaries extended beyond the original area from which it derived its name.

In the 34th chapter of *Numbers* the borders of the Holy Land are defined, and the River Jordan, with its connecting inland seas or lakes, is established as the eastern limit. At the height of their power, under David and Solomon, the Israelites were in possession of much vaster territory than their biblical heritage "From Dan even untoBeer-sheba" is the expression quoted several times in the Bible north-south limits, a stretch of about one hundred and forty-five miles. Another encompassing phrase was "from the entering in of Hamath to the river (or brook) of Egypt." This was a considerable extension of the Dan-Beer-sheba axis; the river of Egypt was not the Nile, but a stream, the Waldy el-Arish, entering the Mediterranean about 40 miles beyond Gaza.

At its upper extremity the country was little more than twenty miles wide, while the southern end of the Dead Sea, at the Wilderness of Zin, was but seventy-five miles from the Mediterranean. In size and shape it roughly resembled New Hampshire. Within this small area lay a wide variety of topography and climate.

The general contour of the Holy Land runs north and south, the Jordan almost directly so, the Mediterranean coastline about shepelah (low hills), which in turn climb to the Central Range. These mountains drop sharply to the low sunken Jordan Valley, their sides furrowed by gullies down which torrents roar in spring, subsiding to a trickle in late summer. Beyond the Jordan rises the Eastern Range.

The low coastal plain is elevated in one section by a transverse spur from the Central Range, terminating in Mt. Carmel on the Mediterranean shore. The Central Range is broken by the Plain of Esdraelon, or Jezreel, which divides the mountains of Galiee from those of Ephraim.

The costal flats may be divided into three sections. Stretching from a little south of Gaza to Joppa is the Philistine plain, averaging sixteen miles in width and noted for its fertility. The light loamy brown soil was virtually stoneless in Bible days; the whole region was a wheat belt, but the absence of trees to act as a windbreak allowed the sand of the beaches to encroach inland. Wells were abundant and good. North of Joppa the plain narrows to a ribbon ten miles or so in width; mountains rise abruptly from the eastern edge of the Plain of Sharon, which stretches as far as Mr. Carmel. This was a richly fertile region in ancient times, wooded in the north, and dotted with date groves, gardens and wheat fields further south. We remember Solomon's "I am the rose of Sharon."North of Carmel the land falls away to the Plain of Acre (Accho), until the mountains finally shut in to the sea just north of Ach-zib. Beyond lay Phoenicia with its famous ports of Tyre and Sidon.

The Shepelah, an undulating moorland with hills of limestone and chalk, was the no-man's land between the Israelites and the Philistines. A series of valleys lie parallel with the Central Range, and five transverse depressions wind between the low hills, connecting coastal towns with inferior ones. The country was mainly given over to grazing flocks of sheep and goats.

Beyond the Shepelah lay the highlands of Judea, sloping towards the wilderness of the south and east. South of Hebron the territory was known as the Negeb, or land of dryness. Much of Judea was stony and infertile, where shepherds guarded their flocks against wolves. Spring rain and sunshine covered even the bare hills with verdure but in a few months they were dry and brown again. Further north, and towards the sea, cultivation and fertility increased. In Samaria, the central province, the natural aspects were more open and pleasing and the soil lent itself to more intensive cultivation. The rainfall was heavier, assuring better returns to the husbandman. Cultivated fields were larger and country living easier and more productive than in the Judean hills.

Samaria ended at the Plain of Esdraelon, rich pastureland all too often trodden down not by cattle but by opposing armies on the famous battlefield of Megiddo (Armageddon of *Revelation*]. Northward lay Galilee, divided into Upper and Lower districts; Lower Galilee was the richest and most fertile farmland in Palestine. The Rev. Selah Merrill describes it; "Such is the fertility of the soil that it rejects no plant, for the air is so genial that it suits every variety. The walnut, which delights above other trees in a wintry climate, grows here luxuriously, together with the palm tree which is nourished by heat. It not only possesses the extraordinary virtue of nourishing fruits of opposite climes, but also maintains a continuous supply of them. Here were found all the production which made Italy rich and beautiful. Forests covered its mountains and hills, while its uplands, gentle slopes and broader valleys were rich in pasture, meadows, cultivated fields, vineyards, olive groves and fruit trees of every kind." Upper Galilee shared the bounties of the southern section, with the modification in vegetation due to its greater height above sea level, its higher hills and more rugged terrain. Its northern boundary lay under the shadow of majestic Mount Hermon (9166 ft.) and lesser mountains of the Lebanon Range.

Here on the western slopes of Mt. Hermon is the watershed which drains into the beginnings of the River Jordan, joining with other streams from the hills of Antilebanon to form the only river of any consequence in the Holy Land. The Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea rift into which the Jordan flows constitute one of the most remarkable phenomena known to geologists. It has aptly been termed the world's deepest ditch. The Jordsn proper may be considered to start at the ancient Waters of Merom (Lake Huleh), a lush marshy depression, home of innumerable wildfowl and teeming with fish. For a couple of miles beyond Merom it winds through rich meadowland, then roars down a long narrow series of gorges for ten miles distance and six hundred feet drop, to enter the Sea of Galilee (known also in the Bible as the Sea of Chinnereth, Gennesaret or Tiberias). From the Sea of Galilee until the river empties into the Dead (Salt) Sea is but sixty-five miles as the crow flies, but the Jordan being earthbound follows its tortuous river bed for two hundred miles and is precipitated through twenty-seven rapids in its course. At its junction with the Dead Sea it lies more than thirteen hundred feet below sea level.

From an agricultural standpoint the Jordan valley has little significance. Josephus speaks of the Jordan as flowing through a desert. While there were many small patches of very fertile land, they were early abandoned to natural vegetation rather than being kept under cultivation. High spring freshets were a recurrent menace, and the climate was enervating and unhealthy. Jericho, in the lower Jordan valley, experiences shade temperatures of 130 degrees F. with little relief at night. The only biblical evidence of the Jordan valley being an attractive pastoral district occurs in the 13th chapter of *Genesis*, where, prior to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot considered its fertility comparable to the land of Egypt. It is an interesting speculative point whether brimstone and fire which destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah may have been accompanied by seismec fissure which changed the bed and course of the Jordan.

Geologically, the hills of Palestine are preponderantly hard limestone. The limestone is frequently overlaid with softer chalky deposit, with coral, shells, and marine remains to indicate that at one era parts of the Holy Land lay below the waters of the Great Sea. In this soft calcareous rock, caves, both natural and handhewn, were numerous. It was a logical setting for permanent wine and olive presses, and grain and other food were stored in subterranean cellars chiselled from the easily worked stone; the excavating of family tombs or sepulchres was a recognized practice. Near the Dead Sea and the Sinai Peninsula granite formations are predominant, with bituminous shale and slate in the former region. Around Cana and Galilee basaltic rocks are evident. Signs of former volcanic action are widespread, the hot springs of Tiberias furnishing evidence of underground energy. The pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night [*Exodus 13:22*] aptly describes the emanations of an active volcano whose crater lay just below the horizon of the observer.

From the eternal snows of Mt. Hermon to the ultra-tropic heat of the lower Jordan lay the widest variety of climate and temperature, with resultant diversification of flora and fauna. The husbandman who was dissatisfied with the temperature, the humidity, the rainfall or the length of growing season at his homestead need only travel a few miles to find different meteorological conditions. Probably no country in the world of equal size has such a variety of climate. The lower Jordan depression has a mean temperature of about 75 degrees F.; the plains rising from sea level to a few hundred feet average 68 degrees; the elevated tablelands two or three thousand feet above the sea record a mean of 60 - 62 degrees, while the Lebanon above 4000 ft. drops to an annual mean of 35 degrees. Two main factors influence the varied Palestine climate. One is the pronounced range between elevation and depression, the extremes of Mt. Hermon and the lower Jordan lying over ten thousand feet apart. The other big factor is the variation caused by proximity to the desert or sea. South and east lie the hot desert sands, while the western frontier is cool, moist Mediterranean.

The agricultural processes of Egypt were synchronized to the Nile levels rather than to climate and weather progression. Except on the Mediterranean coast, rain is infrequent and scanty. Alexandria, on the sea, has about 10 inches annually, Cairo (close to the Biblical Memphis or Noph) but 2 inches.

Amongst the many changes which Canaan developed in Hebrew mentality was meteorological observation and forcasting; this was necessarily of local character, conditioned by the topography and proximity to sea, mountain or desert, although some of the atmospheric sequences and relationships were national. The incidence of locality may explain some discrepancies between cause and effect in the lore of the old weather prophets, but even in this era of scientific meteorology mistakes are common.

Solomon poked gentle sarcasm at the weather expert of 1000 B.C.: "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap" (*Ecclesiastes 11:4*). The man who waited for perfect conditions, meanwhile passing up suitable if less favored ones, would find that his procrastination had ruined his crop prospects.

Probably most of the weather lore was learned from the aboriginal inhabitants, and the influence of Chaldean astronomers and astrologers must also be recognized. Yet Hebrew intellect and the unbiased observation of nature inherent in monotheism doubtless contributed to a more scientific appraisal of weather probabilities.

Though the husbandman incorporated half a dozen seasons in the agricultural year, the climate was popularly regarded as having but two phases - wet and dry, cold and heat, winter and summer; spring and fall were evanescent. "The former and the latter rain" is a well known Biblical expression. In late October or early November the former rain arrived, the first showers quickly vanishing in the parched soil. December to February was mid-winter, with intermittent rain and hail on the lower levels and snow on the highlands. In March came the heavier latter rain; by mid-April the dry season fell in sharp heavy showers or rainstorms, with dry periods of bright sunshine intervening; continuous rain or drizzle was uncommon.

Amos (4:7) tells us of the vagaries of the weather, which he attributes to divine intervention. "I have witholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered into one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied." Presumably their reception was chilly. Solomon, a much married man, uses an apt comparison: "A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike" [*Proverbs 27:15*]. Other observations of this versatile monarch are factual as well as allegorical: "The wind goeth toward the south and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits" [*Ecclesiastes 1:6*]. The prevailing winds of Palestine followed a definite cycle: wet westerlies brought the rains of winter, followed by east winds from February to June; from summer to autumn equinoxes, north winds prevailed, backing in late September to northwest and settling in the west in November. More of his weather observations may be found in *Proverbs* [*25:14*]: "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain." And *Proverbs* [*25:23*]: "The north wind driveth away rain," which a marginal notation and the Revised Version text change into "The north wind bringeth forth rain." A weather rhyme, credited by the modern as well as by the ancient mariner, says:

"Red sky at morning, sailors take warning;
Red sky at night, sailors' delight."

Jesus quoted the same lore when the Pharisees and the Sadducees asked him for a sign from heaven, in the opening verses of the 16th chapter of *Matthew*. "When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather; for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to-day, for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" In *Luke* (12:54-55) Jesus continues: "When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say. There cometh a shower; and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass." Interesting confirmation of the rain presaged by westerly clouds is found in *I Kings* (18:42-45). After a long and particularly severe drought, Elijah was divinely advised that rain was due. When sceptical King Ahab doubted this forecast, Elijah and his servant climbed Mt. Carmel (1810 feet) and eagerly scanned the far sea horizon westward. Six times the servant climbed the highest crag and returned to the praying prophet to say that only blue sky met his gaze. "And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain." Elijah knew his weather!

Dew condenses on plants during calm nights under cloudless skies, and the precipitation of dew was unusually heavy in the otherwise dry Palestine summer. Were it not for its welcome moisture, plant life would have been scantier and less productive. The Hebrews had a tender affection for the dew, and it sparkles from some beautiful scriptural passage. Its importance may be gauged from Isaac's inclusion of it in the blessings on both his sons, Jacob and Esau. To the former he said: "See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed. Therefore, God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth" (*Genesis 27:27-28*). Esau got a similar blessing. Moses opens his song in *Deuteronomy* [*32*]: "My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew." David, bitterly mourning the death of Saul on Mt. Gilboa cries: "Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there by rain, upon you." [*2 Samuel 1:21*]. Solomon adds his testimony, "The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favor is as dew upon the grass" [*Proverbs 19:12*]. *Hosea* [*14:5-7*], prophesying for Jehovah, declares, "I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily....shall revive as the corn....the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon."

Such was the land of Canaan as the Israelites found it. The original inhabitants were good farmers and skilled fruit growers, and harvested heavy crops, as the Hebrew spies discovered. The Canaanites were strong lusty men and women, worshipping Baal and Ashtaroth, god and goddess of fertility. They were not foreigners like the Egyptians but kin to the Israelites, and spoke the same language in different dialect, as the Tel el Amarna tablets have proven. Canaan had been home to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, and many of the patriarchs' direct descendants still farmed the fields and grazed their flocks on their native hills. Naturally they resented the armed invasion of what they considered to be self-appointed men of destiny, demanding an early version of *Lebensraum* from a country their ancestors had forsaken four centuries earlier, and to which they had contributed nothing since.

The Canaanites lost most of their land but won much of the battle of ideology, as subsequent Bible history and the discouragement of the prophets reveal, for only a minority carry the standard of the One God through the pages of Scripture.

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OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

The Schantz Family

(continued from last month)

Name Spellings

The Schantz name was Anglo-ized to Johns early. This was due to being located close to the town of Lancaster where the clerks favored english spellings. Besides most of their deed transactions were notarized by Emanuel Carpenter, who himself made an influence in english spellings of german names in this area, although his legal procedures remained german in the Cocalico area much longer. The Schantz landgrants are written Johnson. Again these applications were filed at Lancaster although processed at Philadelphia. Otherwise American spellings are Schantz, Schrantz and Tschantz. European spellings are Schantz and Tchantz.

The Schantz Family in Europe

The Schantz family originates from Switzerland but have followed Mennonite movements to the Pfaltz, Germany, and Holland, although to a lesser degree than most of our Fatherland families. Our Hans Schantz has emigrated directly from the Pfaltz, Germany to America, unless he resorted to a short stay in Holland before coming to America, like his comrad or brother, Jacob Schantz, who was his mate on the 1737 ship. We have no Schantzes listed in French territory, except a few families just across the German border at Weissenburg, in 1781. (From J. Virgil Miller studies).

Inspite of the fact that the Schantz name does not appear in the Martyrs Mirror, it does appear in the work of Samuel Geiser *Die Taufgesinnten Gemeinde*. On pages 201 - 203, is recorded an interesting account form the *Thurmbucker* (prison tower records) in the Emmenthal, Switzerland. These records begin at 1545 and in this period until at least 1571, was the legal marriage issue at its peak in this part of Switzerland. It was this issue that Hans Haslibacher became involved who was an ardent spokesman for the Anabaptists in a series of disputations in this time. Swiss authorities argued that marriages performed by Anabaptist preachers were illegal and children born from such parents were regarded as illegitimate, and were denied citizen rights and a few records show that they were sometimts taken into orphans homes by authorities. Perhaps this had a tendency to create the practice of always giving in full the maiden name of a woman after her husbands full name in Swiss state records. This can become confusing at times for a researcher to place husband and wife together, but on the other hand it is invaluable to a geneologist. The early Anabaptist congregations did not have a bishop, they were aware of the Catholic bishopric being too dominant, nor did they elect to call their congregation a church because that was also a Catholic mode. The turn to bishops and churches came gradually during the thirty years war period and church houses were not used until they migrated to the Pfaltz, except in Holland, where they existed from near the beginning of Mennoism.

In 1566 Wilhelm Lehman was questioned at the Kirchgemeinde Hassli and asked why he doesn't attend the landeskirche (state church). His wife, Frau Margret Blindenbach was also questioned which we will quote from the book. *Frau Margret Blindenback, die im gesegneten umstand war, [frauen wiesse] op sie in der kirchgan ihre ehe hat bestadight.* The question was, if she received her marriage in the state church. She replied that by the order of God she was married by Hans Haslibacher of Haslibach. In November 13 of the same year Bernetta Blindenbach was questioned about baptism, she replied that she was instructed on ground of scriptural baptism order and baptised by Walti Gerber. On December 6, 1566, another, Frau Cathin Wenger was questioned in a womens cell as to why she was arrested. She pleaded innocent, although at a Dec. 11,1566 hearing he implied that she had been influenced by Nikli Zedo four years ago and before that she was baptized again by Walti Gerber, in a brook at Buchholterberg.

Note: *Nikli Zedo wird beschrieben als ein man von 30 jahren der ein spitz, schwartz bart hat, und eine lahme hand und meisten graue hossen und eine schurlitz grippe trage.*

It is written of Niklie Zedo that he was a man of 30, with a pointed black beard, a lame hand, usually wore gray trousers and carried a laced apron.

From this Thurmbuch comes the May 1, 1567, account of Hans Tschantz of Kiesen, Bern, hearing. He was asked to give a friendly account out of the Holy Scripture as to why he does not attend state church services. He gave a short answer, that because he is not likeminded. He was then asked why he does not move out of the canton, and acknowledged that Anabaptists are free to move away. His answer was again that he is not minded to do so, and that *Nach Christliche Ordung*, he should not be compelled to move out of the land. It was concluded that he does not understand the Holy Scriptures and he was confined to the tower for eight more days. On May 9th, he had another hearing, and again on June 21, with Peter Raber of Buchholterberg. When asked why they do not attend state church rites, Peter Raber answered that he had attended state rituals for 30 years previously, wheras he reaped no fruit from the spiritual sessions. It is not clear from this account what the outcome of their trial was.

Nikli Zedo often called Nicklaus Zedo of Bottigen, Switzerland was regarded by the Bernische tauffer as the best informed preacher, expecially after the death of Walti Gerber and Hans Haslibacher. He was so much sought for by Bernese authorities that a price of 100 pounds was awarded to his captors, which they call Judas wages. Four men from the Steffisburg - Thurn area knew him and turned him in. On November 14, 1580 he was examined. After being questioned he confessed that he held Anabaptist meetings in homes and in the woods at various places and times and here he confessed that he baptised a maiden, Christina Tchantz. After this examination he was edicted guilty, and was esentenced to the sword. He did, however, escape this edict, we find him on state judgment in the 1690's.

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LANC. CO., PA., GIRL KILLED, 5 INJURED, IN FREAK ACCIDENT

Emma P., 17, daughter of Jacob B. and Rebecca (Petersheim) Miller, of Bird-in-Hand R1, was killed and her five companions injured Sunday, July 24, when a small wagon in which they were riding down a steep hill swerved out of control and ran into an embankment on Furnace Hill Road in Drumore Twp. She died at St. Joseph's Hospital at 12:45 p.m. from massive head injuries sustained when she was hurled headfirst into a tree (see obituary).

Also requiring admission to the hospital was Lydia E., 18, daughter of Jacob Ebersol, Peach Bottom R1, who sustained possible head injuries. Treated at the hospital for minor cuts and bruises was Jacob S., 20, son of Elam S. King, Strasburg R1. Others who had minor cuts and bruises but did not have to be taken to the hospital were Sylvia E. Ebersol, 17, sister to Lydia; Emanuel S., 20, son of John K. Esh, Kirkwood R1, and Christ S., 22, son of Jacob E. Fisher, Quarryville R3. The group had been visiting at the Ebersol girls' home before the accident. The site of the crash was less than a mile away from the farm. The six were all sitting on a three-by-six foot piece of plywood which they had placed on top of a child's wagon. They were riding the wagon down Furnace Road, near the intersection of Tanning Yard Hollow Road, which is about five miles south of The Buck, at about 10:55 a.m. when the mishap occurred. The road at that point was a very long and very steep hill, possibly several hundred yards long. The driver of the wagon estimated they were traveling at about 35 miles an hour when he lost control of it on a right curve in the roadway. All six were catapulted off.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Nittany Valley, Pa.

John Z. Esh was kicked by his horse and was in the hospital four or five days. He had a pin put in his ankle, is at home taking it easy for a while.

INJURIES FATAL TO ARTHUR, ILL., MAN

Naoh Schrock, 18, son of Harvey N. and Lucy (Yoder) Schrock, was working on the evening shift of building an elevator at Chesterville, and was on his way home on a tractor traveling on Route 133 at about 11:30 when he was hit by a car from the rear. The car and tractor were badly damaged. He was thrown about 125 feet, was taken to the hospital where he died at about 3:10 a.m. (See obituary)

WOMAN DIES WHILE BARN BURNS

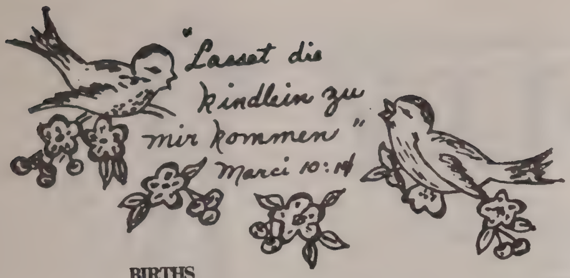
Lightning had struck the barn of Mr. and Mrs. Eli E. Stutzman of Dalton R1 on the afternoon of July 11 but fire didn't break out until after midnight. They went out to get things out and Eli's wife, Ida A. (Gingerich), was getting things out of the milkhouse when she didn't make it out herself. They thought she had a heart attack. Eli got her out before fire reached her although she had some burns.

(See obituary)

JOHNSTOWN FLOOD OF 1977

Johnstown, Pennsylvania, has again been crippled by floodwaters similar to the famous Johnstown Flood of 1889. Newspaper accounts state that 4 to 6½ inches of rain fell in eight hours on Wednesday, July 20th. Eight counties were hit along a seventy mile stretch of the Conemaugh River valley. Damage was in excess of $100 million, roads were destroyed, and train service was cut off on a thirty mile stretch of the mainline. Cleanup crews were hampered the next day by a late afternoon thunderstorm which caused a rise of six to twelve inches of floodwaters. By the following Tuesday the death toll stood at 72, and 50,000 persons were displaced.

The Lancaster County Amish Disaster Aid has organized to aid the Johnstown flood disaster area. Bus loads of volumteer help will begin on August 3rd to assist the cleanup project. Arrangements are made to employ bus service every day after that date as long as help is offered.



BIRTHS

Dover, Delaware

Beachy, Dan Y. (Barbara Mast) Hartley R1, a stillborn dau., July 2

Beachy, John E. (Barbara Miller) Dover R2, a daughter, July 19

Miller, Harvey (Dorothy Miller) Wyoming R1, a dau. **Lisa Mae**, July 18

Miller, Paul B. (Esther Swartzentruber) Hartley R1, a daughter born and died July 1

Miller, William Ray (Miriam Coblentz) Wyoming R1, a son **Joseph**, July 26

Stutzman, Ermery J. (Clara Mast) Dover R2, a dau., **Mary**, July 24

Troyer, Roman A. (Matilda Miller) Dover R2, a stillborn Dau. Jul. 16

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Allgyer, Davie (Mamie Stoltzfus) Bird-In-Hand R1, a son **Elam D.** July 4

Beiler, Benjamin S. (Katie K. Stoltzfus) Drumore R1, a son **Eli Lee**, July 27

Beiler, Daniel M. (Esther F. Smucker) Lancaster, a son **Elmer S.** July 22

Beiler, Emanuel L. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Talmage, a son **Vernon Jay** July 26

Beiler, Henry M. (Emma Speicher) Bird-In-Hand, a son **Henry S** July 2

Beiler, John (Sadie Glick) Strasburg R1, a son **Mervin Lee**, July 30

Beiler, Samuel (Katie B. Beiler) Quarryville R2, a son **Andrew John** July 5

Fisher, Benjamin B. (Malinda Beiler) Gordonville R1, a son **Daniel Z.** July 1

Fisher, David E. (Anna Mae Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a son **Elmer Jay** July 24

Fisher, Elmer S. (Katie E. Glick) Bird-In-Hand, a daughter **Barbara G.**, July 31

Fisher, John F. (Annie S. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R1, a son **John Jr.**, July 4

Glick, Amos Z. (Elizabeth Miller) Leola, a dau. **Linda Marie**, July 14

Glick, David I. (Dora K. Glick) Gap R1, a son **David I. Jr.**, July 15

Glick, Gideon (Lizzie Esh) Leola R1, a daughter **Rebecca**, June 30

Kauffman, Samuel (Mary Ann Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter **Martha Joy**, July 15

King, Abner S. (Katie S. Smucker) Gordonville R1, a son **Ivan S.**, July 23

King, Benjamin G. (Barbara K. Miller) Quarryville R3, a daughter **Emma Marie**, July 27

King, David S. (Sara L. Dienner) Christiana R1, a dau. **Ruth Ann**, July 13

King, Enos R. (Lizzie L. Beiler) Paradise R1, a son **Moses B.**, July 8

King, Henry (Mima Zook) Christiana R1, a daughter, July 16

King, Jacob L. (Mary L. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son, **Amos S.** July 17

King, John F. (Annie L. Petersheim) Christiana R2, a dau. **Katie P.** July 25

King, John L. (Rebecca S. King) Leola, a daughter **Nancy K.**, July 4

King, Samuel S. (Mary Ann Stoltzfus) Elverson R2, a son **Mahlon Ray**, July 3

Lapp, Amos (Katie Lapp) Strasburg R1, a dau. **Sarah S.**, July 30

Lapp, Amos K. (Lydia A. Lapp) Gordonville R1, a dau. **Barbie L.** July 14

Lapp, David K. (Lydia Lapp) Gordonville R1, a daughter **Sarah Ann** July 13

Lapp, Reuben S. (Anna E. Beiler) Strasburg R1, a son **Jonathan**, July 10

Lapp, Samuel (Sara Beiler) Gordonville R1, a son **Melvin**, July 2

Lapp, Stephen (Anna Lapp) Kinzers R1, a daughter LENA L., July 21

Petersheim, Stephen (Sara Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter **Lillian**, July 17

Riehl, Amos (Annie Stoltzfus) Pequea R1, a dau. **Mary Ellen**, July24

Smucker, David B. (Susie K. Beiler) Quarryville R3, a dau. **Mary**, July 14

Smucker, Jonas R. (Mary F. Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1, a daughter **Priscilla**, July 10

Stoltzfus, Benjamin (Annie Zook) Ronks, a dau. **Emma Z.**, July 31

Stoltzfus, Benjamin Z. (Salina Swarey) Kinzers R1, a son **Ira M.**, July 20

Stoltzfus, Christ F. (Mary S. Fisher) Quarryville R2, a son **Jacob F.** July 1

STOLTZFUS, Elam S. (Sarah S. Beiler) Conestoga R1 a son ABRAM K., July 30

Stoltzfus, Joseph B. (Mary R. Beiler) Christiana, a son **John B.**, June 24

Stoltzfus, Samuel K. (Lydia S. Beiler) Kirkwood R1, a dau. **Nancy B.** July 9

Stoltzfus, Stephen M. (Fannie Fisher) Bird-In-Hand R1, a daughter **Lavina F.**, July 17

Yoder, Gideon (Aary Beiler) Gap R1, a daughter, July 20

Zook, David S. (Mary K. Glick) Quarryville R3, a dau., **Annie B.** July 7

St. Mary's Co., Maryland

Kurtz, Chris (Mollie Hostetler) Mechanicsville, a son **Stephen**, Jul. 5

Stoltzfus, Stephen (Sadie Kurtz) Mechanicsville a son **Bennie**, July 4

Stoltzfus, Tobe (Katie Hostetler) Mechanicsville, a dau. **Susie**, Jul. 4

Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania

Peachey, David J. (Malinda Lantz) Newmanstown R1, a dau. **Esther**, July 28

Zook, Simeon (Sara Ann Stoltzfus) Newmanstown R1, a daughter **Miriam**, July 29

Nittany Valley, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Elam B. (Katie) Mill Hall R1, a son **Daniel**, July 28

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Peachey, Daniel (Olive Peachey) Belleville, a son **Omar**, July 10
Peachey, Josiah (Leah Swarey) Allensville, a dau. **Martha**, July 22

Somerset Co., Pennsylvania

Hertzler, Albert (Martha Troyer) Grantsville, Md., a dau. **Eileen**, July 29
Yoder, Albert P. (Elizabeth Brenneman) Salisbury, a dau. **Rachel** July 29

Mercer Co., Pennsylvania

Miller, Mahlon (Martha Mullet) a daughter **Irene**, June 30

Norfolk, New York

Schwartz, Mose T. (Mary Troyer) Norfolk R2, a son **Joas**, July 25

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Byler, Daniel R. (Katie Mast) a daughter, July 21
Byler, Eli U. (Sylvia Weaver) a daughter **Rachel**, July 10
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Wayne Co., Ohio

Hershberger, Jonas Jr. (Naomi Schlabach) Apple Creek R2, a son **David**, July 20
Miller, Atlee D. (Mabel Hershberger) Apple Creek R2, a son **Christian**, July 1
Miller, Paul J. (Esther Coblentz) Apple Creek, a son **Dennis**, July 15
Raber, Eli A. (Bertha Miller) Apple Creek R2, a dau. **Susie**, July 2
Schlabach, Dan J. J. (Mattie Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a daughter **Edna**, June 28
Troyer, Alexander W. (Mary Ann Yoder) Apple Creek R2, a son **Paul**, July 15
Wengard, Alvin J. (Betty Hochstetler) Fredericksburg R2, a dau. **Leona Kay**, July 4

Holmes Co., Ohio

Barkman, Jacob J. (Sara Miller) Sugarcreek R1, a son, July 24
Beachy, Dean V. (Joyce Troyer) Sugarcreek R2, a son **Norman**, July 4
Erb, Mr. and Mrs. (Raber) Emanuel, Millersburg R5, a son, July 17
Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Aden A., Millersburg, a son, June 19
Hershberger, David M. (Fannie Yoder) Baltic R1, a dau. **Esther**, July 1
Kiem, Jacob L. (Betty Troyer) Fredericksburg R2, a dau. **Esther**, July 1
Mast, Dan A. (Katie Hochstetler) Sugarcreek R1, a dau., July 20
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Miller, Abe A. Jr. (Malinda Hershberger) Sugarcreek R2, a dau. **Rebecca**, June 27
Miller, Ezra M. (Esther Weaver) Sugarcreek R2, a dau. **Rachel**, July 11
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Miller, John (Wilma Miller) a daughter **Corrina Sue**, May 13

Allen Co., Indiana

Hilty, Louie (Ruth Graber) a son **Joseph**, July 26
Schmucker, Pete (Kanashia Schmucker) a son **Orva**, July 15
Steury, Mike (Rosa Graber) a son **Nathan**, July 17
Zehr, LaVerne (Marie Steury) a daughter **Rosa Mae**, July 2

Adams Co., Indiana

Byler, Andy J. (Emma L. Giron) Berne R2, a son **Andrew**, July 26
Gingerich, Andy D. (Edith B. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a dau. **Laura**, July 20
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Wengerd, John N. (Rosie L. Wickey) Monroe R1, a son **Jacob**, July 1
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LaGrange Co., Indiana

Bontrager, Amos L. (Elsie Miller) Shipshewana R2, a son **Elva A.** July 6
Bontrager, Dewayne (Leanna Yoder) Shipshewana R2, a son **John Allen**, July 6
Christner, Willy (Esther Miller) Shipshewana R2, a son **Norman**, July 25
Frey, Harvey (Edna Garver) Ligonier R1, a son **Mervin H.**, July 21
Hochstedler, Calvin (Linda Yoder) Wolcottville R2, a dau. **Shannon Sue**, July 21
Lambright, Clayton W. (Louise Barkman) LaGrange R1, a son **Gary Lynn**, July 8
Lambright, John L. (Joan Raber) LaGrange R4, a son **Jesse**, July 8
Lambright, LaVern O. (Esther F. Miller) Topeka R1, a son **Mark Eugene**, July 12
Lambright, Perry H. (Norma Gingerich) LaGrange R1, a daughter **Mary Ruth**, July 3
Miller, Clarence J. (Verna Eash) Topeka R2, a dau. **Sara Ellen**, Jul 3
Miller, Daniel A. (Ida Bontrager) Topeka R1, a son **Atlee D.**, July 1
Miller, Elmer J. (Mary Hochstetler) Shipshewana R1, a daughter **Wilma Sue**, July 15
Miller, Harley N. (Mary Alice Petersheim) Wolcottville R2, a son **Elva H.**, June 27
Miller, Howard (Esther Yoder) a daughter **Susan H.**, July 22
Miller, Levi E. (Mattie Petersheim) Shipshewana R1, a son **Marion L.**, July 5
Miller, Ira (Katie A. Bontrager) Ligonier R3, a dau. **Leona Kay**, July 12
Mishler, Freeman H. (Edna E. Lehman) LaGrange R4, a daughter **Naomi**, July 14
Schrock, Daniel A. (Orhpie Miller) LaGrange R4, a dau. **Freda** July 1
Wagler, David (Marlene Christner) Shipshewana R1, a son **David D.** June 28
Wengerd, William J. (Edna A. Miller) LaGrange R4, a son **Melvin W.**, July 10
Whetstone, Perry (Mary Graber) Howe R3, a son **Harley P.**, July 22
Yoder, Wilbur (Karen Miller) Topeka R2, a dau. **Norma K.**, July 14

Elkhart Co., Indiana

Bontrager, Daniel J. (Alice Wingard) Goshen, a dau. **Barbara Jean**, July 13

Chupp, Ervin A. (Sarah Bontrager) Middlebury, a dau. **Sue Ann**, July 8

Chupp, Olen (Sharon Christner) Goshen, a daughter, July 15

Lambright, Ernest (Lorene Miller) Shipshewana R2, a son **Arlin Dale**, July 18

Mast, Perry S. (Erma Nisley) Middlebury, a dau. **Frieda**, July 25

Miller, Delbert R. (Mary Chupp) Middlebury, a dau. **Rosetta Sue**, June 23

Miller, Freeman (Anna Yoder) Middlebury, a son **Devon Ray**, Jul 23

Miller, Roy W. (Wilma Bontrager) Middlebury, a son **Amzie**, July 4

Miller, Samuel (Ada Miller) Middlebury, a son **Norman**, July 9

Schwartz, Homer (Etta Fern Miller) Goshen, a dau. **Linda**, July 18

Yoder, Edward T. (Carolyn Troyer) Goshen, a son **Dean Ray**, July 2

Nappannee, Indiana

Kemp, Marvin (Loretta Bontrager) Nappannee R2, a son **Nathan**, July 21

Kokomo, Indiana

Hershberger, Lester (Susan Miller) a daughter **Judith Ann**, July 9

Arthur, Illinois

Chupp, Harvey (Mary Otto) a son **Philip**, July 12

Kaufman, Ben (Pauline Otto) a son **Marcus Lynn**, July 8

Otto, Amos (Fannie Mast) a son **Freeman**, July 10

Schlabaugh, Harley (Marietta Bontrager) a daughter **Loretta**

Ethridge, Tennessee

Gingerich, Jacob J. (Elizabeth Stutzman) a daughter **Lovina**, July 1

Mast, Wilburn (Clara Miller) a daughter **Mary**, June 18

Pike Co., Missouri

Eicher, Henry M. (Anna Mast) Bowling Green, a son **Jacob**, July 11

Eicher, Paul (Lydia Schrock) Curryville, a son **William**, June 26

Schrock, Joe (Rachel Eicher) Curryville, a dau. **Sarah**, June 22

Schrock, Mose (Eva Martin) Bowling Green, a son **David**, June 13

Swartz, Sam N. (Millie Borntreger) Bowling Green, a son **Joe**, Jun16

Yoder, Glen (Ida Borntreger) Curryville, a son **Orla**, June 29

Seymour, Missouri

Schwartz, Dave H. (Lovina Schwartz) Seymour R3, a dau. **Sarah**, July 6

Schwartz, Joe P. (Margaret Miller) Seymour R3, a dau. **Priscilla**, July 10

Jamesport Missouri

Mast, Menno A. (Lucy Kauffman) a son **Eli**, July 24

Miller, John Jr. (Elizabeth Mast) a son **Nelson Leroy**, July 4

Garnett, Kansas

Yoder, Lester (Katie Miller) a son **Wayne Edward**, May 26

Buchanan Co., Iowa

Gingerich, Dan E. (Ida Yutzy) Hazleton, a son **Eli**, July 15

Kauffman, Sam D. (Rachel Yutzy) Fairbank, a son **Daniel**, June 27

Raber, Henry C. (Mary Yoder) Hazleton, a dau. **Wilma**, July 23

Stutzman, Jerry (Emma Hershberger) Independence R4, a dau. **Emma**, July 2

Yoder, Chester (Katie Kurtz) Fairbank, a daughter **Sarah**, June 30

Johnson Co., Iowa

Jess, Mr. and Mrs. (Plank) Andy, a daughter, July 1

Miller, Chester H. (Mary Ropp) a daughter **Shirley**, June 29

Wadena, Minnesota

Lengacker, Christner Amos (Fannie) a daughter **Rosetta**, July 25

Amherst, Wisconsin

Borntrager, Freddie (Mary Mast) Amherst, a daughter **Ada**, June 4

Medford, Wisconsin

Borntreger, Chris (Anna Troyer) a daughter **Lizzie Ann**, July 8

Schrock, Joe W. (Fannie Otto) a son **Henry**, July 9

Yoder, Floyd (Barbara Stutzman) a son **Freddie**, July 8

Cashton, Wisconsin

Hochstetler, Rufus (Fannie Sommers) a son **Bennie**, June 30

Blair, Wisconsin

Lambright, Perry J. (Sylvia Mast) a daughter **Millie**, June 16

Schrock, Alvin (Esther Lambright) a son **Alvin Jr.**, July 7

Wilton, Wisconsin

Borntreger, Joseph M. (Fannie D. Hochstetler) Wilton R1, a dau. **Anna J.**, July 28

Hochstetler, Jake D. (Clara M. Borntreger) Wilton R1, a son **Benjamin J.**, June 24

Mullet, Harley E. (Fannie E. Borntreger) Wilton, a dau., July 21

Milverton, Ontario

Albrecht, Reuben (Matilda Kuepfer) a son **Paul**, July 6

Jantzi, Reuben (Miriam Albrecht) a daughter **Norma**, July 6

Kuepfer, Joseph A. (Mary Kuepfer) a son **Elmer**, July 7

MARRIAGES

Conneautville, Pennsylvania

Wanner, Troyer - Widower Harvey Wanner, to Mattie, daughter of Mose and Barbara Troyer, July 3, by Bishop Monroe Hostettler.

Geauga Co., Ohio

Byler, Byler - Lester, son of Monroe N. and Amanda Byler, to Mary, daughter of Dan J. and Mary Byler.

Holmes Co., Ohio

Coblentz, Miller - Leroy, son of Monroe Coblentz, to Mary, daughter of Preacher Raymond M. Miller, July 2, by Bishop David E. Yoder.

Hicksville, Ohio

Dennis Graber, son of Jess Graber, Graybill, Indiana, to Dorothy Miller, daughter of Nelson and Ada (Yoder) Miller, June 2, by Bishop David Nisly, Indiana.

Bronson, Michigan

Schrock, Keim - William Schrock, son of Adam Schrock and Malinda (Petersheim) Schrock, to Martha Keim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Keim, Garnett, Kansas, July 7.

Adams Co., Indiana

Stutzman, Hilty - Andy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stutzman, Plain City, Ohio, to Edna L. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake K. Hilty, July 28.

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Miller, Miller - Floyd R. son of Roy and Edna (Hochstedler) Miller, to Katie, daughter of Ervin A. and Annie (Miller) Miller, July 27.

Marshfield, Missouri

Yoder, Wagler - Alvin, son of Menno and Ada (Troyer) Yoder, to Esther, daughter of Homer and Rachel (Wagler) Graber, July 28, by Bishop Pete Yoder.

Garnett, Kansas

Schrock, Keim - William, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schrock, Bronson, Michigan, to Martha, daughter of Menno and Esther (Farnweld) Keim, July 7, by Bishop Jerry Yoder.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Ethridge, Tennessee

Pre. Mose D. Yoder was in Scott Memorial Hospital, Lawrenceburg, four or five days for tests and xrays, etc. His trouble is mostly backsets from his small stomach left after ulcer operations some years ago. He was put on a strict diet and is gaining again.

Emanuel P. Gingerich was also laid up again for awhile with ulcers on his leg, much the same as last winter, but is doing some shop work again.

OBITUARIES

BEILER, Josiah L., 85, Kinzers R1, Pa.

died at his home Friday, July 8, about 10 p.m. after a lengthy illness, at the age of 85 yr., 7 mo., and 13 days. A retired farmer, he was a lifelong resident of Lancaster County, and was the Kinzers scribe for the "Budget" and "Botschaft." Born in Leacock Township, he was a son of the late Jacob Y. and Fannie (Lapp) Beiler. Surviving are his widow, Lydia (Smoker) Beiler; three sons, Elmer S. of New Holland R2, Isaac A. and Josiah L. Jr. of Kinzers R1; three daughters, Hannah, wife of David King, of Paradise R1, Miriam, wife of Tobias King, of Kinzers R1, and Annie, at home; 27 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren; and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Sarah Flaud, Mrs. Fannie Flaud, Daniel L., all of Bird-in-Hand R1; Mose L. of Ronks R1; John M. of Gap R1; Elizabeth, wife of John Kinsinger of Myersdale; Amos L. of Paradise R1; and Katie, wife of Noah Eicher of Bronson, Michigan.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 11, short services at the home by Bishop John F. Glick, hymn read by a grandson, Bennie A. Fisher; further services in the barn at the neighbors, John B. Zook's, by Bishop John M. Beiler and a nephew, David Smoker, hymn by Amos E. Stoltzfus; burial was in Gordonville Cemetery; hymn by Benuel Stoltzfus, abschied by Gideon Riehl.

BYLER, Andrew, 1 day, Berne R2, Indiana

died Wednesday, July 27, while enroute to the Van Wert County Hospital. Born the previous day, he was a son of Andy J. and Emma L. (Girod) Byler. This was their first child. Surviving with the parents are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Girod of Berne R2 and Ben and Clara (Girod) Byler of Monroe R1.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 28, at the Emanuel Girod home. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery.

GLICK, Mrs. Katie L., 78, Gap R1, Pa.

died Monday, July 18, at 1 a.m. at Lancaster General Hospital. She had a stroke Saturday morning, July 16th. Born March 31, 1899, in Leacock Township, she was a daughter of the late Samuel P. and Rebecca (Lapp) Smoker. Surviving are her husband, John S. Glick; four children, Aaron S. Glick of Quarryville, Samuel P. Glick of Leola, Barbara, wife of Mose E. Stoltzfoos of Gap R1, and Elmer S. Glick of Peach Bottom; two sisters, Rachel, widow of Mose Stoltzfoos of Leola R1 and Amanda, wife of John P. Stoltzfus of Gap R1, 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 20, at the home by Amos U. Glick and Emanuel Zook, hymn was read by Aaron Glick; burial was in the Millwood Cemetery.

HERSHBERGER, Pre. Reuben, 61, Bronson, Mich.

died on Sunday, July 3, from cancer of the liver. Born in LaGrange County, he was a son of Emanuel and Polly (Lehman) Hershberger. Surviving are his widow, the former Kathrine Kauffman of Grabill, Ind.; two sons, Noah of Buchanan Co., Iowa, and Joni of Bronson, Mich.; five daughters, Mrs. Jonas (Katie) Gingerich of Clark, Mo., Mrs. Lizzie Olsen of Bremen, Ind., Mrs. Wallace (Polly) Hershberger of Bronson, Mich., Mrs. Sam D. (Mary) Miller of Bronson, Mich., and Mrs. John J. (Susie) Bontrager of Mt. Elgin, Ont. His first wife, Anna, daughter of the late Pre. Noah and Lizzie (Mast) Burkholder of Nappanee, Ind., died in January of 1973.

Funeral services were held at the home at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, preaching at three places by Bishop Amos Lehman of Nappanee, Ind., Bishop Noah Eicher of Grabill, Ind., Bishop Cris Schmucker of Grabill, Ind., Pre. Ora A. Graber of Bronson, Mich., Pre. Ivan Schmucker of Bronson, Mich., and Pre. Ora Bontrager of Middlebury, Indiana.

JANTZI, John, 56, Milverton, Ontario

died Sunday, July 3, at Stratford Hospital after a long illness. Born in North Easthope Township, he was a son of the late Dea. Daniel and Katie (Kuepfer) Jantzi, and was married to Catharine Kuepfer in 1947. He is survived by his wife; five sons, Levi, James, Ezra, Peter, and Neil; one brother, Menno; five sisters, Mrs. Ivan (Susan) Kuepfer, Mrs. Ed (Sarah) Albrecht, Mrs. Levi (Katie) Kuepfer, Mrs. Simon (Lydia) Albrecht, and Mrs. Earl (Tena) Kipfer, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday, July 6, by John P. Esh of Bird-in-Hand, Pa., and Bishop John L. Stoltzfus of Leola, Pa., hymn read by Henry Hertzler of Tavistock, Ontario. Burial was in Amish Cemetery, Mornington Township.

LANTZ, John L., 77, Lebanon R1, Pa.

died Sunday, July 17, at 6 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, after an illness of six days. Born August 25, 1899, in Lancaster County, he was a son of the late Benjamin and Mary (Lapp) Lantz, and was the husband of Agnes (King) Lantz. In addition to his widow he is survived by five daughters, Mary, widow of Thomas Peachey and Fannie Lantz, both at home, Emma, widow of Christ Petersheim, of Gordonville R1, Malinda, wife of David Peachey, of Newmantown, and Sarah, wife of Joseph Byler of Belleville R1; four sons, David of Leola R1, LeRoy, Aaron, and John, all of Myerstown R2; 45 grandchildren; one brother, Jonathan Lantz of Lebanon R1; and one sister, Fannie, wife of Aaron K. King of Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 20, short services at the house by Gideon Riehl, hymn read by Amos Lantz; further services at 12 o'clock in the tobacco shed at Moses G. Lapp's by David L. Smoker and Bishop John L. Stoltzfus, hymn read by Benjamin K. Lantz; burial was in the Amish Cemetery near Reistville, hymn read by David F. Lapp, abschied by Isaac H. Zook. Pallbearers were four nephews, Bennie S. Lantz, David P. Lantz, David S. Lantz, and Stephen G. Lantz.

KIPFER, Mrs. Tena, 48, Milverton, Ontario

died Thursday, July 28, in Listowel Hospital where she had been a cancer patient. She was a daughter of the late Dea. Daniel and Katie (Kuepfer) Jantzi, and was married in 1953 to Earl Kipfer, who survives. Also surviving are three children, Laura, Alvin, and Raymond, all at home; one brother, Menno; four sisters, Mrs. Ivan (Susan) Kuepfer, Mrs. Ed (Sarah) Albrecht, Mrs. Levi (Katie) Kuepfer, and Mrs. Simon (Lydia) Albrecht.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 31, from the home. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery in Wellesley Township.

MILLER, Emma P., 17, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.

died at St. Joseph Hospital at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, July 24, from massive head injuries sustained in a freak accident (see front page). Born in Leacock Township, she was a daughter of Jacob B. and Rebecca (Petersheim) Miller, and died at the age of 17 yr., 11 mo., and 2 days. Surviving are the parents, one sister, Bertha; six brothers, Abram, Roy, Stevie, Wilmer, Abner, and Sylvan; the maternal grandparents, Jacob and Emma Petersheim of Bart, and the paternal grandparents, Samuel and Bertha (Stoltzfoos) Miller of Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 27, at the home by Christ B. Riehl, hymn, page 439, read by Henry P. Esh; further services at the Samuel Miller home were held by Jonas Ebersol and Christian Petersheim, hymn page 247, read by John K. Stoltzfus; burial was in Myers Cemetery, hymn, page 444, read by Eli Beiler, abschied by Aaron Esh.

MILLER, LaVern, 34, Grabill R2, Indiana

died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Saturday, July 23, although he hadn't been in good health for some time. He died at his brother-in-law's, John and Lillie Graber, as they were staying with their children while they were attending the Handicap Reunion. He was a son of Victor and Rosa (Delagrange) Miller, who survive. Also surviving are his wife, Barbara, daughter of Joe and Rosa (Schwartz) Graber; three children, Mary Mae, Steven, and Naomi, at home; four brothers, Elmer of Woodburn, Mervin of Hicksville, O., Marvin of Antwerp, O., and Reuben of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Mrs. Laveda Lillie and Mrs. Catherine Hart of Hicksville, and Rosa and Verna of Spencerville R1.

Funeral services were held by Levi Stoll of Daviess County, Ind., at the home and by Amos Schwartz of Homer, Mich., at the neighbors. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery at Grabill.

MILLER, Nealy Ray, 18, New Philadelphia R2, O.

died Saturday, July 23, in Coshocton Memorial Hospital following a motorcycle accident near Forest Hills in Coshocton County. Born at Dover, he was a son of Junior M. and Twila (Kauffman) Miller, and was an employee of Meadowview Homes in Sugarcreek. Surviving besides the parents are three sisters and six brothers, Mary Sue, Tresha, Judy, LaRue, Timothy, Darrel, Jerry, Kevin, and Mark, all at home, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Aden M. Kaufman of New Philadelphia R2.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 26, at 9 a.m. in the Miller residence by Bishop Monroe Y. Miller. Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery.

SCHLABACH, Mrs. Mary A., 85, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died Monday, July 18, in Joel Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg, after a short illness. She was born September 30, 1891, in Topeka, Indiana, to Aaron B. and Catherine (Hochstetler) Beechy, and married on March 27, 1917, to Daniel J. Schlabach, who died August 28, 1968. Surviving are five sons, Eli D. of Lakeville, John D. of Greenwich, Roman D. of Seney, Mich., Manelius D. of Millersburg R2, and Daniel D. of Sarasota, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Joni (Sarah) Yoder and Mrs. Abe J. C. (Fannie) Miller, both of Fredericksburg R2; a step-son, Abe D. Schlabach of Holmesville R1; 40 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and two brothers, William Beechy and John Beechy, both of Topeka, Indiana.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 21, at 10 a.m. by Pre. Perry Stutzman, Dan Lehman of Ind., and Bishop William Troyer. A bus load from Indiana attended the funeral. Burial was in Locust Hill Cemetery in Salt Creek Township.

SCHROCK, Noah, 18, Arthur, Illinois

died Saturday, July 23, after being in a tractor accident (see front page). He was born April 12, 1959, a son of Harve and Lucy (Yoder) Schrock, and was married April 5, 1977, to Martha Lucile Diener. They lived in matrimony 108 days. Surviving are the parents, wife, a one month old son, and a grandfather, Deacon Joe A. Yoder.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 25, and were largely attended by many strangers from Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Visiting ministers here for the funeral were Joe Herschberger from Ohio, Jonas Herschberger from Wisconsin, Andy Herschberger from Howard County, Indiana, Reuben Schwartz from Seymore, Missouri, and Ben Wagler and Noah Wagler from Daviess County, Indiana.

SMUCKER, Aaron, 20, Kinzers R1, Pa.

was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Friday morning, July 29th. He had returned home after a singing the previous Sunday evening but left again after changing clothes. A neighborhood search with the aid of the White Horse Fire Company was called, but not until Thursday evening was he spotted by someone on Route 41. He was picked up by his family and returned home in a despondant condition. Born in Lancaster County, he was a son of Jonathan E. and Mary E. (Stoltzfus) Smucker. In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Amos L., at home; three sisters, Rebecca and Verna, both at home, and Barbara, wife of John D. Lapp, of Ronks R2; his paternal grandparents, Amos and Barbara Smucker, Ronks R1; and his maternal grandparents, Aaron and Rebecca Stoltzfus of Gap R1.

Short funeral services were held in the late home Friday, July 29, by Bishop John F. Glick. Burial was in Spring Garden Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Stephen S., 6 mo., Christiana R1, Pa.
died at 7:10 p.m. Sunday, July 24, at Osteopathic Hospital. An autopsy Monday morning disclosed the infant died from a skull fracture and internal abdominal injuries. The parents, Bennie and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, had taken the child to attend church services at the home of the paternal grandfather, Stephen Stoltzfus of Bartville on Sunday. Mrs. Stoltzfus had put Stephen to bed for a nap in an upstairs bedroom, and found him later in a weak condition. The child was taken to the hospital where authorities said that the fatal injuries were deliberately inflicted. An eight year old girl who had attended the services was found guilty, but her name and address were not disclosed. Besides his parents, the child is survived by paternal grandparents, Stephen M. and Rebecca (Kauffman) Stoltzfus of Christiana R1; maternal grandparents, Jonas L. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus of Bird-in-Hand R1; paternal great-grandparents, Stephen S. and Rachel Stoltzfus of Bartville; paternal great-grandfather, Benjamin M. Kauffman of Christiana R1, and maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Stoltzfus of Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 26, at the home; short services in the house by the great-grandfather, Benjamin M. Kauffman, hymn read by Bennie Stoltzfus; further services in the shed held by Amos L. Stoltzfus and Sammie Kauffman, hymn read by Sammie M. Stoltzfus; burial was in Bartville Cemetery, hymn read by Jacob L. Stoltzfus, abschied by Dannie Stoltzfus. Pallbearers were John S. Stoltzfus and John K. Stoltzfus. Stephen was born January 26, 1977, and would have been six months old the day of his funeral.

STUTZMAN, Mrs. Ida A., 26, of Dalton R1, Ohio
died early Tuesday morning, July 12, as a result of a barn fire (see front page). She was a daughter of Amos P. and Lizzie (Troyer) Gingerich of Fredericksburg R2. Surviving in addition to her parents, are her husband, Eli E. Stutzman; one son, Daniel, of the home; five sisters, Susie, Mary, Miriam, Edna, and Lydia Gingerich of Fredericksburg R2; three brothers, Daniel, Andy, and Amos, Fredericksburg R2.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 15, at 10 a.m., at the Amos P. Gingerich residence by Bishop Abe D. Yoder.

TROYER, Ruth, 7, Conneautville, Pa.
died Friday, July 8, following a lengthy illness. She never led a normal life, could not talk, walk, or sit, took much care, especially the last nine months. Surviving are the parents, Joe and Anna Troyer; four brothers and ten sisters, Leroy, Barbara, Alvin, Mary, Wilma, Ella, Reuben, Martha, Katie, Timothy, Joanna, Miriam, Ada Mae, and Amanda, all at home; the paternal grandparents, Moses and Barbara Troyer; paternal great-grandfather, Benjamin Troyer; and maternal grandmother, Ella Troyer.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday, July 10, by Jacob Nisley and Menno Fisher, psalm read by John Raber, abschied by Menno Fisher.

WAGLER, Menno, 2½ yrs., Hamilton, Indiana
died very suddenly on Sunday, July 3, when they were getting ready to go home from church. His mother set him on the buggy seat and was stepping up on the buggy when Menno fell off the seat. They gave him artificial respiration but life had fled. He is survived by his parents, John K. and Marian (Graber) Wagler; two sisters and one brother, Ida, Rosa, and Johnny, all at home; his maternal grandparents, the Vick Graber's of Allen County; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Rosa Wagler of Allen County.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 6, at his home.

YODER, Mrs. Anna, 90, Plain City, Ohio
died Thursday, July 7, at the age of 90 yrs., 8 mos., and 12 days. Born October 25, 1886, she was a daughter of the late Noah J. and Elizabeth (Borntrager) Miller, and was married March 5, 1920, to Abe B. Yoder, who died September 29, 1966. They lived in matrimony 46 yr., 6 mo., 24 days. She lived in widowhood 10 yr., 10 mo., 22 days. To this union were born three sons, Henry A. and John A. of Plain City, and Levi A. of Jamesport, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Yost H. (Lizzie) Miller of Millersburg, Ohio, Mrs. Jonas A. (Katie) Kurtz of Jamesport, Mo., who survive. Also surviving are two stepsons, Abe A. of the home and Ben A. of Plain City; two stepdaughters, Mrs. John A. (Lydiann) Troyer and Mrs. Jonas N. (Louella) Borntrager, both of Sugar Creek, Ohio; 59 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, many friends, relatives, and neighbors. Her husband, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren preceded her in death. She was the last of the Noah J. Miller family.

The family wishes to convey their sincere thanks and words of appreciation to neighbors and friends for their kindness, sympathy, and help so lovingly shown during the time of infirmity, sickness, and death of their beloved mother.

YODER, Mrs. Mary, 90, Kalona, Iowa
died Monday, July 4, at the age of 90 yr., 11 mo., and 20 days. She was born July 14, 1886. Her husband died in 1956. They had no children. Eleven nieces and nephews survive. She was cared for by two of her nieces the last five or six months.

Funeral services were held at Alvin T. Miller's, her former home, by Elmer T. Miller and Dan Hershberger. Burial was in the East Union Cemetery, beside her husband.

YODER, Mrs. Susie J., 77, Topeka R1, Indiana died at 11:15 a.m. Monday at her home after an extended illness. She was born October 28, 1899, in Haven, Kansas, and was married November 8, 1916, in Hutchinson, Kansas, to William D. Yoder, who survives. Also surviving are nine daughters, Mrs. Harry (Katie) Cross of Middlebury, Mrs. Floyd (Polly) Fry of Haven, Kan., Mrs. William (Betsy) Fry, Mrs. Glen (Anna) Fry, and Mrs. Raymond (Edna) Miller, all of Topeka, Mrs. Ervin (Clara) Slabach of Shipshewana, Mrs. Alvin (Susanna) Keim and Mrs. Elmer (Ruby) Byler, both of Millersburg, and Mrs. Mervin (Vera) Miller of Ligonier; nine sons, Joseph of Zepher Hills, Fla., Amos of Middlebury, Ora of Welda, Kan., Felty, Elmer, and Albert of Topeka, William E. of Goshen, David F. of Shipshewana, and Merle of Bethpage, Tenn.; 96 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Katie Troyer of Burlington, Colo., and two brothers, Enos J. Yoder of Hartley, Del. and David P. Yoder of Plain City, Ohio. Four children preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Melvin Mullet home, by Bishop Glen Lambright and Pre. Tobe Troyer. Burial was in the Hawpatch Cemetery.

YODER, Wayne Edward, 8 days, Garnett, Kansas died in Kansas City Hospital Thursday, June 2, after surgery due to birth complications. Born May 26, 1977, he was a son of Lester and Katie (Miller) Yoder, who survive.

Funeral services were held in the home of the parents Saturday a.m., June 4, by Bishop Jerry Yoder and Edward Yoder.

BAPTISMS

Allen Co., Indiana

by Bishop Sam C. Graber, July 10

Enos, son of Joseph and Lavina (Brandenberger) Hilty
John, son of Ezra and Lizzie (Wagler) Lenacher
Harvey, son of Henry and Rosa (Wagler) Lenacher
Joan, daughter of Enos and Betty (Schmucker) Graber
Adeline, daughter of Menno and Mary Alice (Miller) Hilty
Elizabeth, daughter of Amos and Viola (Graber) Gerig
Darlene, dau. of David and Emma (Schwartz) Schmucker
Leah, daughter of Reuben and Irene (Brandenberger) Steury

Buchannan Co., Iowa

by Bishop Menno Schwartz, Utica, Minnesota
Reuben, son of Bishop Menno and Lizzie Schwartz

COMMUNITY NOTES – Windsor, Missouri

Most everyone now is being hosts to many who are traveling while a few others have turned their chores and duties over to still others and have been, or expect to be, gone awhile themselves.

The "City Police Chief" has offered to deliver death messages to the Amish in the Windsor, Mo., area.

Resident families are Bishop Dan Stutzman's, Eli A. Mast's, and Monroe J. Hershberger's from Jamesport, Mo.; Pre. Willis Herschberger's and Wm. Bontrager's from Kalona, Iowa; Pre. Henry Mast's and Eli Miller's from Holmes Co., Ohio; Pre. Menno Miller's from Fortuna, Mo., and Daniel Schrock's Jr. and Ervin Herschberger's from Arthur, Illinois.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

The first two weeks were hot and dry with more moderate temperature the last two weeks, but they are still dry. Many days the temperature rose to near 100 degrees with a cool of 49 degrees on the 23rd. Rainfall is still far below normal with a total of 2.8 inches.

Thrashing was completed in record time with fair to low yields, in both grain and straw. 2nd and 3rd crop hay remains very light, as did 1st crop. Some thick planted corn is suffering from lack of rain. Soybeans look fair but are about in the critical stage.

St. Mary's Co., Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

We had a little over 4 inches rain scattered throughout July, but it was so warm most of the time that it seemed dry soon again. July 5, 6, 7 and 8 temperatures were in the upper 90s and 100 degrees, and again the week of the 17th. The eve of July 21st a thunderstorm cleared the atmosphere and it seemed so clear and fresh and almost cool in the morning for almost a week. The corn looks promising.

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, by Christian L. Fisher

July started in warm and sunny. The 5th and 6th we had thunderstoms. It was warm and humid till the 12th when we had a thunderstorm with .7 rain. It stayed very warm a few days with 90 degrees in the shade. We had showers on the 20th, after which the weather cleared off and cooled down to 53 in the morning. It was then warm a few days, rainy on the 25th, and warm again till the 30th when we had .2 rain.

The very warm weather slowed pastures, but the corn and alfalfa looks real good. Wheat seems to have yielded well. Tobacco cutting and third cutting alfalfa has started.

By Levi L. Stoltzfus

Total rainfall for the Bareville area was 5.3 inches.

Market Report: choice fat cattle $39 - $41.35 cwt.; feeder steers $31.75 - $40.75 cwt.; fat hogs $51 - $46 cwt.; 40 lb. feeder pigs $107 - $94 cwt.; prime veal $70 cwt.; spring lambs $50 cwt.; dairy cows at New Holland $550 - $950; poultry as follows:heavy hens .10 - .25 lb.; pullets .18 - .47 lb.; roasters .15 - .28 lb.; ducks .45 lb.; turkey's .50 lb. Corn $70 per ton, $2.30 bu.; wheat $2.28 bu.; oats $1.70 bu.; barley $1.95 bu.; hay $45 - $101 ton; straw $50 - $100 ton; corn fodder $61 ton; large eggs .65 doz., potatoes retail $5.75 cwt.

Lebanon Co., Pa. by Levi S. King

We had some warm days with high humidity and a good bit of thunderstorms the first 3 weeks of July. On the 6th we had a good bit of hail through the northern end of the county. The corn leaves were badly slithered and wheat which was still on the stalk was knocked out about 25 to 50 percent, lowering the yield considerably. Very little thrashing was done before the 15th. Second cutting hay was almost as heavy as the first crop in some places. Corn is extra tall and starting to form ears. Total rain was 4.6 inches

Lycoming Co., Pa., by John K. Fisher

We had a few cool days and dry weather the last week of July. The last good soaker we had was on the 25th, with 1/4 inch. We had a sprinkler on the 30th. Total rainfall for July was 3 inches.

No second cutting hay is cut yet. The timothy is coming slow and the alfalfa will soon be ready to cut.

We had our first sweet corn on the 14th. Lima beans are almost ready and blueberries are over. Tomatoes and peppers are also ripe. Some spring oats are being cut.

Clinton Co., Pa., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

We had wonderful growing weather during July, but it is on the dry side here. We had 4 inches of rain in July. 12 miles north of here they had 3 inches several times, while we had 1/2 inch of rain. We had over a week of warm, humid weather, with temperatures at 65 degrees in the morning, and over 90 degrees during the day. Sweet corn, lima beans, and tomatoes are on the menu.

Centre Co., Pa., by Henry M. Glick

The first part of July we had a lot of hard rain and thunderstorms. The 6th and 7th we had 2.8 inches of rain and some hail. It then cleared off till the 11th and 12th when we had 1.6 inches again. It was nice a few days till the 19th and 20th when we had 3 inches and the 25th we had 2 inches of hard rain. We had very good corn growing weather. The 2nd cutting hay is made and looks good for the 3rd. Oats are being cut and are short.

The high temperature was 108 degrees. Low was 47. Total rainfall was 9.5.

Centre Co., Brush Valley, Pa. by David B. Stoltzfus

"Excellent growing weather" would describe this past month pretty well. We've had warm and humid weather with thundershowers every few days, bringing the cornfields into tassels several weeks earlier than usual. The amount of rain varied several inches with an average of 8 inches during July. High temperatures were in the low 90s in the shade, which is considered quite warm in this valley, being higher in elevation and slightly shorter in growing season than the neighboring valleys. Most Amish farmers mowed their oats for hay as it was short, but since it dries slowly, most of it got wet and slightly moldy laying in the field and will likely go for bedding. Usually alfalfa is sowed with the oats and looks promising for a good crop. Second cutting hay was made between showers with average quality and yields.

Snyder Co., Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

In July we had nearly 8 inches of rain so that the harvest was slow. We had more thundershowers this summer than one can remember of since we are in Snyder County. We had a few cool mornings down to 52 degrees and we had the hottest spell that I can remember of thru the middle of the month, sometimes high in the 90s.

Fruit is quite plentiful in most orchards although our peaches froze last winter so that we don't have many of our own. Blueberries were fair.

Perry Co., Pa., by Elmer F. Fisher

We had excellent growing weather during the month of July and a lot of humid weather with the temperature mostly in the 90s the first three weeks. The latter part cleared off with cooler weather. We had an abundance of rain for the month, with plenty of moistures in the ground to help the crops. The corn looks to be a good crop despite the dry weather earlier in the season. Oats are a fair crop this season, but a little short in straw. Most of the 2nd cutting hay is made.

Mifflin Co., Pa., by Catherine M. Swarey

July was a warm month with many wonderful rains. We had warm days and nights, with temperature in the high 90s and 100 degrees. The last week the nights were cooler with 46 degrees on the morning of July 27th. On July 17th, we had a heavy rain, with 3 inches in about an hours time, also thunder and lightning. Lawns and pastures are green again. The wheat is thrashed and also some oats. The corn looks very nice. Peaches are a fair crop and about 2 weeks earlier than usual. Katy-dids were first heard July 20th.

Adams Co., Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

According to reports July was the hottest here for 9 years. We had over a week of 90 degree weather, with our warmest day on the 17th when temperature went to 100 degrees. Our coolest morning was on the 28th, with temperature at 48 degrees. We had measureable rainfall on 9 weather days which totaled 3.4 inches, but our warm and windy weather often dried things out again. Thrashing is done, straw and hay seem scarce and is high priced.

Somerset Co., Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather during July was very warm. For 2 weeks we had mostly 90 degree weather. We also had 5.2 inches of rain, but with all the warm and windy days it was soon all dried off.

Gardens are yielding fairly good. Oats are being cut and corn is tasseling.

Mercer Co., Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

July was a very good growing month. We had about 6 inches of rain with some storm and heavy thunder and lightning in some places. It was very warm and humid day and night till toward the last we had some cooler nights with down to 44 degrees on the 27th.

Our first crop hay was a little short on account of dry weather, but the second cutting is good. The oats are a fair crop. Corn is very good and well along in earing out.

Crawford Co., Pa., by Mrs. Menno Fisher

July was very wet, warm and humid, although the first few days were nice and breezy, also part of the last week. On July 19th there was flash flooding in the area, doing some damage to small bridges, etc. The second crop hay is a good crop, but hard to put away due to rain. The corn looks very good and is almost at roasting ear stage. Oats are ready to cut.

Norfolk, N. Y. by Jerry T. Schwartz

We've been having the right amount of moisture the last while to really make things grow. The corn is a little ahead of average this year and looks like it will be a good yield. The oats aren't turning out as heavy as expected. New seeding hay was good, where old seeding was on the light side, and some second cutting is about ready to cut.

We had several cool nights this month with temperatures as low as 42 degrees.

Geauga Co., Ohio, by Mrs. Eli Wengerd

We had some very warm and humid weather during July, with temperatures in the upper 90's. We had some scattered showers and thunderstorms. The barley and wheat is all threshed, averaging 38 bu. per acre. Our second cutting hay is being made

Tomatoes, pickles and sweet corn are on the menu.

Wayne Co., Ohio, by Mary Yoder

The month of July was unusually warm and wet. A lot of days the temperature was up in the 90's and 100's. On the 21st in the evening we had 3.7 inches of rain in 3 hours, and a lot of places were flooded. The oats don't seem to yield very good through here.

Holmes Co., Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

We had a lot of moisture throughout this month, and a lot of very hard thunderstorms and some hail. Not much damage was done by the hail. There were many hot and humid days, and temperatures ranged from a high of 98 to a low of 45. At this writing the temperature has dropped. Total rainfall was 7.8 inches. People are thrashing wheat and a few have thrashed oats. Corn is a very good crop. Wheat and oats are doing good. The women are canning and freezing corn and peaches.

Southeastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

We were having some very warm and humid days. The first half of July the thermometer registered 100 at times. The last half we had quite a few windy days with some drop in temperature, and the nights were cooler.

Occasional showers totaled a little over 6 inches. The second crop hay was a good crop. Corn is making good progress, and the wheat is all threshed. Pig and cattle prices are about holding their own, and hog prices have dropped a little.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

July had a variety of weather for us. Farmers cut their wheat, and thrashed it, also made second cutting hay, but all had to be done between showers. We had several days with very warm and humid weather. After the shower of the 21st it has been nice and breezy. June and July brought plenty of moisture which makes crops look wonderful. For June we had 5.5 inches of rain and for July we had 6 inches.

The hog market did not quite make it to 50 cents, but is coming back slightly again. Oats will be ready to thrash as soon as it dries off again.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

The month of July was warm with real nice rains. Crops and weeds are both growing at a fast rate. Some corn looks real nice while other fields look very poor. The prices for grain are as follows: shelled corn $1.62; beans $5.70; wheat $1.80; and oats $1.30.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

The first part of July was still dry, but the last half we had nearly 3 inches of rain which really makes everything look greener. We had a few days of 100 degree weather about the middle of the month. Gardens are looking better. The rains came a little late for second crop hay, so much of it is being pastured. Oats are being mowed and baled for hay. Much hay is being trucked into the community from other parts of the state and Ohio and Indiana, at $70 - $80 a ton.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

The month in general was quite hot with a high humidity most of the time. Although we did not receive the generous amout of rain that Indiana had, we did have enough to keep crops going. We had 2.25 inches the last week, but from there on it ranged only from a drizzle to ¼ to ½ inch. The corn looks good so far, as do beans and the second cutting hay was better than the first crop. Pasture wasn't very good all summer.

Grain prices are going down, but to produce it, is getting more expensive. We do wonder how long some farmers will be able to hold out, especially those who are in debt.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

For July we had hot humid weather the first week with temperatures of 98 degrees, and on the 15th 100 degrees. We had showers on the 12th and 14th, and rain on the 16th, 18th, and 29th. The top yield for wheat in this area was 52 bu. per acre. Top oat yield was 100 bu. per acre.

Branch Co., Michigan, by Mrs. Noah N. Schwartz

July has been a typical summer month with several days of very sultry weather and temperatures in the mid 90's. We had quite a few showers, but it is getting dry again. During the night of the 15 several hard thunderstorms passed through here, with a bolt of lightening hitting the corner of Levi Schwartz's barn, but doing very little damage. Wheat thrashing is finished, and oats are being thrashed now.

Allen Co., Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

Most of July was hot and humid with temperatures high in the 80's and 90's. The hottest day it was 102 on the 14th. We also had nice rains different times which made nicer second cutting hay. The oats didn't yield like some years and gave around 50 bu. per acre.

Adams Co., Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

July was dry with a sizzling heat. The dry weather is starting to hurt the crops, as no soaking rain has fallen here for several weeks. Corn and beans are beginning to suffer and pasture fields and lawns are turning brown. The highest temperature of the year so far was 96 on three days. Berne weatherman said that July of this year so far is the hottest since 1934, and that 13 days of 18 brought readings of 90 degrees and above. The intense heat and humidity are creating havoc with livestock, especially poultry. The heat has been so intense that highway pavements have buckled in places. Weather experts say the present heat wave is one of the most severe in years.

LaGrange, Indiana, by Anna Eash

We had quite a few days of above 90 degree weather with the humidity quite high at times. We had some real nice rains which saved the crops. On the 13th we had real hard rains. Wheat did fair, with some damage due to rains while in shocks. Gardens are doing wonderful, and corn looks to be a bumper crop. Second cutting hay is real good. Women are busy canning the many fruits and vegetables. The last week, since a good shower last Sunday evening, the temperature was in the 60's in the mornings, making sleeping and working more pleasant. Truly we have been richly blessed in so many ways.

Elkhart Co., Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

July was warm and sultry with thunderstorms. The 2nd week the temperature was from 90 to 100 degrees. However, the 3rd week it cooled off to a low of 45 and a high of 80. We had rain on the 31st and it was sunny and 90 degrees. The wheat is all thrashed and oats are ready to thresh. Blueberries were a very short crop, peaches and sweet corn are being canned.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The month of July was rather warm at times, according to the weather station we had 13 days of 90 - 95 degree temperature readings in the month, which they say is a record. The lowest temperature we had was on the mornings of the 26 and 27th when it registered 50. It rained 2.2 inches and is ending up on the dry side. As a result there was a lot of second cutting hay made and put up without rain. There were 14 days of all day sunshine, and 3 all cloudy ones. Some of the wheat fields looked poor early in the spring, but it grew up good and made a bumper crop. The oats also yielded well with good quality oats, and there is a lot of good wheat and oats straw. Quite a few of the early corn fields were tasseling out by the 4th of the month this year. I can't recall that I ever saw corn tasseling on the 4th of July in this area before. Soybeans also look very good at this time, but many fields look rather weedy. This is probably due to the wet spell we had the last few days in June, which kept the fields very soft and wet through the first week in July, and by then they were to big to cultivate.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Ivan J. Gingerich

July was very warm and humid the first two weeks, sending the mercury up to the 100's the first week. The 11th we got our first rain to break the dry weather and from then on we got showers weekly, ranging between ½ to 1½ inches. The southern part of the community is still very dry as they received only a few tenths when we had an inch or more. Sweet corn is the only vegetable that showed a dry weather mark, though the early potatoes weren't as abundant as usual. The early planted corn had to be sprayed for silk beetles. The corn is quite a bit shorter than usual.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

The first half of the month was very warm and we had some nice rains. The temperature in general was in the 90's with a few days hitting the 100 mark. The last half was a little more cool and one morning it was 52 degrees, which felt real refreshing. We also had some rain again, probably 1 to 2 inches. Thrashing is over with not as many acres to thresh as usual. There is a wide range in crop reports ranging from 50 - 107 bu. per acre. The corn looks very promising but there will probably be some beetle damage and some spraying was done.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

July was unusually warm and dry with 23 nights not going under 70 and 11 days going 90 and over. The low was 62 and the high 95 degrees. Rainfall was slightly over 1 inch, although some places had good rains off an on. The crops will be hurt some even if we should get rain soon. The early corn is pretty well matured and not hurt much. Some peppers are blistered quite a bit. Pastures still look fair. Our summer and winter of '77 will probably be remembered for a long time.

Johnson Co., by Mrs. Monroe Hershberger

We had moisture as needed this spring, also hail and thunderstorms in surrounding areas, and quite a few thundershowers through here. We had 11½ inches of rain within a 2 weeks period, beginning the 18th of June and on into July. We had no measureable amount since then.

Plenty of garden vegetables were canned or frozen and a lot was given away or sold. Thrashing is past, and some second cutting hay is being put away. Potatoes were a good crop in quality, quantity and size. Watermelons and cantalopes are being enjoyed. We were blessed abundantly with nearly all crops, so far, including a generous amount of weeds. Cane sorghum measures nearly 10 feet.

Webster Co., Marshfield, Missouri, by Ruben Yoder

July was warm all the way through with temperatures in the 90's and over 100 several days, with the exception of 2 days when it was nice and cool. The corn looks extra good and fruit is plentiful. The only measureable amount of rain fell on the 1st and throughout the month there were a few very light and scattered showers.

Pike Co., Missouri, by George D. Yoder

Rains have been spotty over the state of Missouri in our area as well. However, we had enough rains so that our crops have all been doing well. Pasture hay, wheat and oats did extra good. The corn is good, but some rain would improve it.

Thrashing is just about over and gave good yields. Milk prices are good. We had an early spring and plenty of warm weather which seemed to help the crops along.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

July has been a very fruitful month with about 10 or 12 inches of rain. We also had some warm weather with temperature in the 90's much of the time. Some potatoes have been dug, and sweet corn is about over with.

The hay and grass is doing good, and we'll have some second cutting hay to make, which has been rare for us, since we thought we couldn't afford fertilizer and never have enough of manure.

Our hog feeding set up has a gutter to catch all the manure and waste, which we haul out with a homemade honey wagon (an amish honey wagon). It works only be gravity, but this manure is paying off by and by.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

We had 5 inches of rain through July. It came quite spotty though, and some areas had more than that and others less. Temperatures were often in the 90's throughout the daytime. The wheat and oats are mostly threshed, and wheat yielded 50 - 60 bu. per acre. Oats are up to 100 bu. per acre, which is good for this area. Second cutting hay was shortened quite a bit because grasshoppers were so plentiful. Several fields of corn are nearly stripped of leaves along the ends of the field, especially where the hay had been mowed near by. Quite a bit of spraying is being done on beans and alfalfa, as the hoppers will nearly ruin the yield if not some measure is taken against them.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

June brought an end to the drought and it rained from 10 to 15 inches in one week and more later. Reservoirs and stock ponds and creeks were again restored like they hadn't been since last summer. Wheat that had been harvested was good, but the remainder will not be cut for awhile. Other crops are looking good.

July had only three days of measureable rain totaling 1.95 inches. The highest temperature in July was 101 degrees on July 24 and the lowest was 57 on the 1st. The farmers that hadn't cut wheat before the wet spell in June finally got most of it cut. Alfalfa hay is yielding good, and other crops are looking good, other than some web worm problems.

Haven [Reno Co.[, Kansas, by Mrs. E. E. Schrock

July had some real hot weather with a record temperature of 109 one day, then again one day of 72, which is quite a contrast. We usually have a breeze but its a hot breeze in 100 degree weather. The nights were fairly nice with dew in the mornings. The hay was a good crop and got no rain on it. Crops look fair and lawns are green.

Partridge [Reno Co.], Kansas, by Edward A. Mast

July like usual was sunny and warm. We had several cloudy days and some showers but less than an inch of rain all together. Temperatures were as high as average or higher till the last 5 days, when it cooled off quite a bit.

Most of the wheat was cut by the middle of the month, but some mud holes were cut as late as the 25th. This stretched harvest to at least 40 days. Yields were good even though quite a bit was lost in the fields. We had another .8 inch of rain the evening of the 30th.

Buchannan Co., Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

Rain for this section of Iowa was 5 inches up to the 29th, and we had 10 days of 90 degree temperature and over. On July 14 it was 103 degrees. Thrashing is finished, which was a fair yield and quality. Quite a bit of second cutting alfalfa hay was good, and looks all around like a good year again. Corn and beans look good as well.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

We had a nice amount of rain in July, and had very good growing weather. Temperatures varied quite a bit, with a low of 52 and a high of 98. The oats are cut and ready to thresh. Most of the corn is in tassels. The second crop hay is being made. Garden things are quite plentiful, with peas being extra good this summer. One family picked 13 bushels in one week. Peaches are selling for $7.50, and peas $6.50 a bu. They are shipped in from South Carolina.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

July was warm with plenty of moisture. Lots of nice corn fields and oat fields are to be seen. The oats are ripe and being cut. Women are busy canning garden vegetables and fruit. Peaches from South Carolina were selling for $7.50.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger
The weather through July was mostly warm with frequent showers. Threshing has started with yields from 50 to 80 bu. per acre. Some oats in the valley went down before they were ripe and there were a lot of empty hulls going through the machine.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller
July was mostly hot, with rains about as needed, till the last week it was very dry. We had rain on the 30th, and tornadoes were reported north of here.

Some farmers are finished threshing oats, which was a good crop. The corn looks good. Gardens are good. Tomatoes are ripening, and potatoes are very nice. Blueberries aren't so plentiful.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler
July was warm, and we had several days and nights of real sultry weather. We had several good rains the first half and only a few showers the last half, so it is on the dry side again. The crops look real good, and most of the second cutting of hay is made. Threshing is being done which is a good yield. Pastures are holding out fairly good.

Utica, Minnesota, by Atlee J. Shetler
From July 2nd to the 7th it was real warm, with temperatures ranging from 90 to 101 in the shade. It was hot again the week of the 17th. We had light showers once or twice a week. Oats threshing has started, with yields from fair to good. Second cutting alfalfa was a good crop.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss H. Stutzman
July had some very warm days, with nearly 100 degrees on the 6th in the shade. We had good rains throughout the month, totaling nearly 5 inches. Second cutting hay was made, oats are cut and most of it is threshed. Some report a good yield while a few not so good.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William Schrock Jr.
Our weather in July was good corn weather. We had 6 different rains just as we needed them. The oats seem to be a good crop. A lot of alfalfa hay is being cut. Temperatures were up in the 90's a few times, but one morning it was down to 58.

St Mary's, Ontario, by Abe Hochstetler
We have had a warmer than average summer, with temperatures over 100 for a few days around the middle of the month. We had a fair amount of moisture, which made for real growing conditions. Oats are being cut, corn looks good, first cut hay was short, but second was better. Pig prices are down, corn is lower at $1.90 bu., and wheat was $2.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer
July was rather wet at the beginning, then it was hot and dry for awhile. Some hay was poor and some places good. Second crop is growing good. The corn is also a good height for this time of year. On July 18th we had a thunderstorm and windstorm, but didn't do any damage around here. It was windy and hot and humid until the 29th when we had more rain. Farmers are starting to cut grain which is also a good stand.

Grey Co., Ontario, by Jacob C. Hershberger
The first part of July we had some very good rains, totaling 3.1 inches. With average weather it still helped the hay grain a lot in some places. In the east part of the county the hay was very short. We had very warm and humid weather on the 19th and 20th, but has cooled off since. The first sowed grain is ready to cut.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich
After a very dry spring we had abundant rain the last part of June, but hay was short and most had been put in by the first week of July. We had very warm weather the week of the 18th, with temperatures in the 90's and very humid. With all the warm weather it turned quite dry again until the 31st when we had a thunderstorm with an inch of rain and some hail and high winds that flattened corn and grain fields. The oats are about half cut but none has been threshed.

ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA, ACCIDENT

Joseph, 11-year-old son of Ezra Lengacher's, was injured while helping his dad unhitch the team from the wagon. They started out all of a sudden, knocking him down, causing him to fall on his face. He was taken to the hospital where twelve stitches were required on his forehead and nose.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Somerset County, Pa.

Abie, son of David A. Kinsinger's, took sick on the evening of July 26th, was taken to the hospital that night and was operated on the next morning. He came home on Saturday evening and is getting along fine.

CAMDEN, MICHIGAN, BARN FIRE

Levi R. Grabers' barn was struck by lightning on Saturday, July 16, at 2:15 a.m., leaving a total loss. One Draft Horse Stud and three calves were also lost in the fire. Contents were appraised at over $9000 and barn and silo at over $14,000. Four fire departments were called to help fight the fire which threatened the other buildings.

MIFFLIN COUNTY, PA., ACCIDENTS

Benuel, eight-year-old son of Joseph and Fannie (Peachey) Yoder, fell in the barn while unloading hay with the elevator. He received a fractured skull. The doctor treated him at home. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

Joseph Peight of Belleville R1, employed by the Allensville Planing Mill, was injured while helping put rafters on a hog stable at Ivan Weaver's in Juniata County. He was on the very top and the doctor thought something came over him because of the warm sun. He fell fourteen feet, received a fractured skull, and had his right arm broken in three places. He was unconscious but regained consciousness that evening. He was in the Danville Hospital one week but is home again and glad for company. His wife is Lizzie, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Peachey) Yoder.

HOLMES COUNTY, OHIO, ACCIDENTS

Marietta, fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel K. Beiler of Millersburg R3, was hit in the back by a stray bullet as some men were groundhog hunting, shooting around the buildings. She is coming along fair after spending some time in the hospital.

COMMUNITY NOTE – St. Charles, Minnesota

David, 17, son of Amos J. Yoder, broke his right leg at the ankle on July 7th when he jumped down from a fence post into a hole. It was put in a cast for two weeks then he got a walking cast and was getting along real well.

MIGRATIONS

Jacob L. Stutzman's moved from Norwich R1, Ontario, to Lucknow, Ontario, April 15th.

Noah D. Stutzman's moved from Mt. Elgin R1, Ontario, to Lucknow R2, Ontario, April 21st.

Alvin Kauffman's Jr. moved from Marshfield R1, Missouri, to Loyal R1, Wisconsin, in April.

Orva J. Hochstetler's moved from Gorrie, Ontario, to Marshfield, Missouri, in April.

Henry Swarey's (Newly Weds) moved to Path Valley April 2nd, address is Willow Hill, Pa.

Pre. Joe D. Byler and family moved from Gorrie, Ontario, to Dover, Delaware, March 31st.

Neal A. Byler and family moved from Milton, Iowa, to Dover, Delaware, March 24th.

Willis A. Stutzman and family moved from Dover, Delaware, to West Union, Ohio, in April.

David Wengerd's and seven children moved from Belleville, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, to Shoreham, Vermont, April 12th.

Ammon Peachey's and eight children moved from Belleville, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, to Shoreham, Vermont, April 12th.

Pre. Adam Byler's and eight children moved from Juniata County to Howard R1, Nittany Valley, Clinton County, Pennsylvania, April 13th.

Menno Swarey's and four children moved from Juniata County to Willow Hill R1, Path Valley, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, April 19th.

Joe Delagranges, Eli Troyer's, and Amos Troyer's, all from Snyder County, Pennsylvania, moved to Norfolk, New York, March 3rd.

Albert R. Schmucker's moved from Burton, Ohio, to Milton, Iowa.

Sam E. Mullet's moved from Middlefield, Ohio, to Fredericktown, Ohio, April 20th.

Fernandis R. Graber's moved from Orland R1, Indiana (Bronson Settlement), to LaGrange R4, Ind.

John N. J. Schwartz's moved from Ashland, Ohio, to Hamilton, Indiana, April 13th.

Ann Arbor News, June 1, 1977

Johnstown Flood Recalled
88 years later

By John Bronson

Only a few mute symbols here remind the passerby of the huge dark, rolling wall of water that almost scrubbed this town from the face of the earth 88 years ago today.

The 1889 flood made Johnstown a worldwide synonym for disaster. More than 2,200 people were killed.

The crumbling remnants of the old South Ford Dam are still here. When the dam burst that day, 20 million tons of water were unleashed on the unsuspecting town downstream.

At City Hall, anyone who looks up can see a plaque 21 feet off the ground showing how high the waters climbed.

And on a mountain high above the town, 777 glistening white crosses in neat rows cover the floods unidentified victims.

About 120 survivors still live, and 30 or so, ranging in age from 88 to 100, are gathering for an anniversary banquet today.

They'll trade stories and conduct the annual debate whether a man on horseback actually rode through town, Paul Revere-style, to warn of the impending disaster.

Daisie Heslop, 94, recalls the flood vividly.

"Iwas 6 years old. My father called us to the second floor to look out the window, and across the street, I could see the water coming over the general offices of the Cambria Iron Co.," she said.

"It was yellow-like clay."

Others remember that the rolling wave was preceeded by a dark cloud of dust from all the debris the water had accumulated in its path. The sound, they say, was deafening.

"My father told us all to run to the third floor," Mrs. Heslop said. "He didn't get there. He was a marvelous swimmer, but a log pinned his arm and he drowned. Then my grandmother was washed out of the third floor, right out of a window."

Witnesses who were on higher ground later told Mrs. Heslop that her house was smashed by a steam engine and eight railroad cars that had been swept up in the rampaging wall of water, estimated at 30 feet high.

With the house collapsing around them, Mrs. Heslop and her sister were plucked from the ruin by men positioned on roofs that were floating by.

Her father's body was found three weeks later in three feet of sand, identifiable only because his name was on his watch.

The watch had escaped the looters who preyed on the remains of the victims for days after the flood, cutting off fingers and ears to take jewelry.

The residents of Johnstown had been warned that the South Fork dam might break, but they paid no attention. They were used to spring floods. Water from earlier spring flooding had already reached seven feet in some spots by May 31.

But 14 miles upstream at the dam, heavy rains had created a situation much more serious than usual. Conemaugh Lake, a playground for wealthy industrialists from Pittsburgh, was rising at a rate of one inch every 10 minutes.

Workmen dug frantically to create emergency spillways, but at 3 p.m., the earthen dam "simply moved away," one witness later wrote.

The torrent began its 14-mile twisting journey through the Little Conemaugh River valley, lifting boulders as if they were corks and snapping 75-foot trees as if they were pipestems.

Mineral Point, a hillside community, was sheared in half and scraped to bare rock, as if by a giant razor.

"Some people were running out their back doors when the water was sweeping their front doors away," said Bill Felix, director of the Johnstown Flood Museum.

It took 57 minutes for the thundering water to reach the city, and only 10 minutes to destroy Johnstown.

Those who managed to stay alive in the flood waters through Johnstown encountered further catastrophe downstream at the Pennsylvania Railroad's stone bridge across the river.

The low, arching structure became a dam as the remnants of whole towns and industries reached it, piled up and spread out behind it. Fire broke out in the debris, which was piled 40 feet high and covered 45 acres. Eighty people died when they were swept into the inferno.

With railroads washed away and bridges wrecked or impassable, Johnstown was cut off from the world.

Felix said that the only way to book precious space on the ferry crossing the Little Conemaugh was to bring along a coffin, "because there were so many bodies."

The flood also caused some freak occurrences.

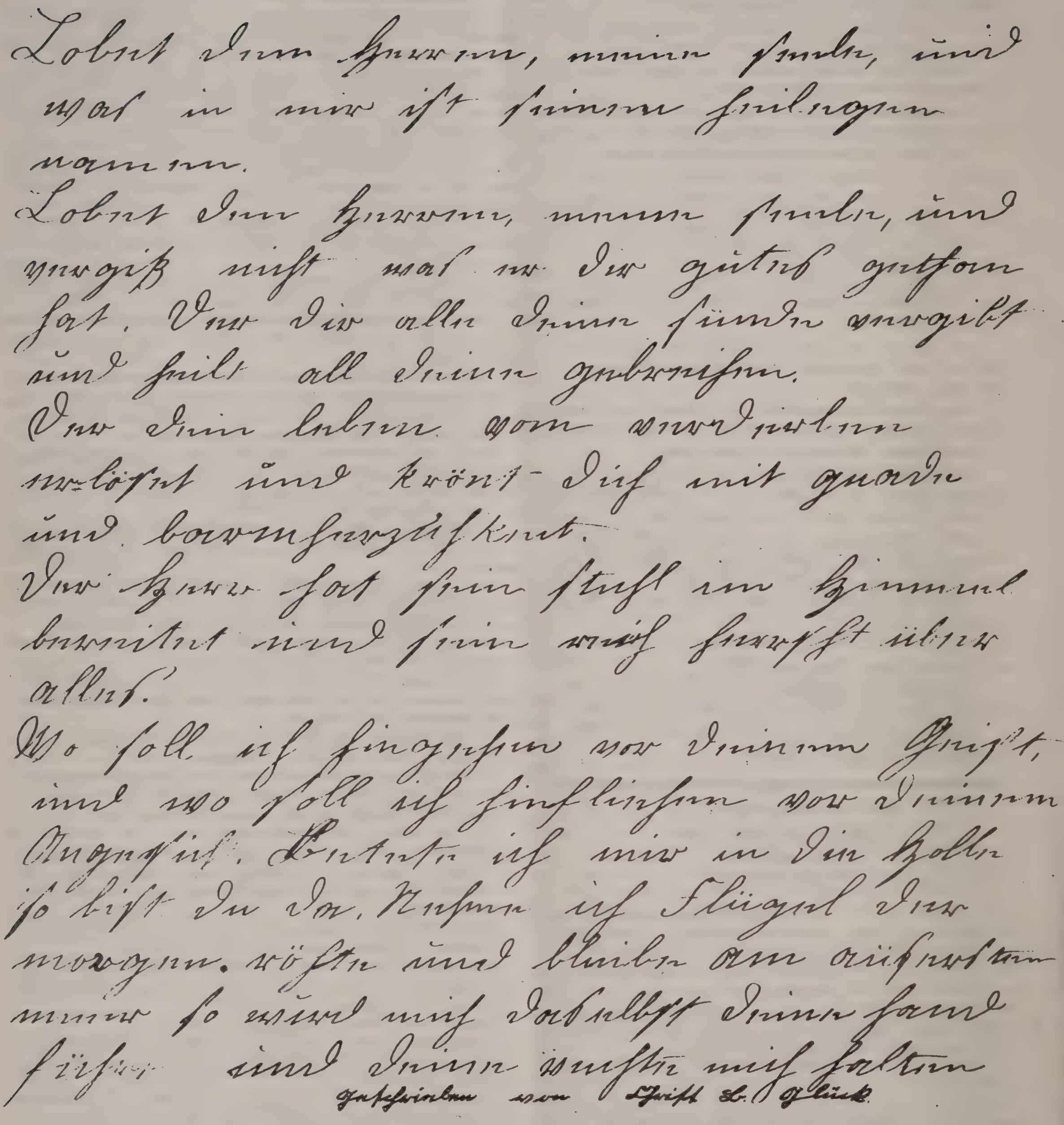
"There was a house picked up by the water and set down 1½ miles away on a basement foundation that matched the house exactly," Felix said.

"The woman who owned it thought it was destroyed, but when the house was found, she lived in it for 26 more years."

Miss Heslop recalls that soon after the flood the area was covered with beautiful flowers, presumably from seeds carried by the water.

But she doubts the legend of the Johnstown Paul Revere.

"That story is a lot of baloney," she said.



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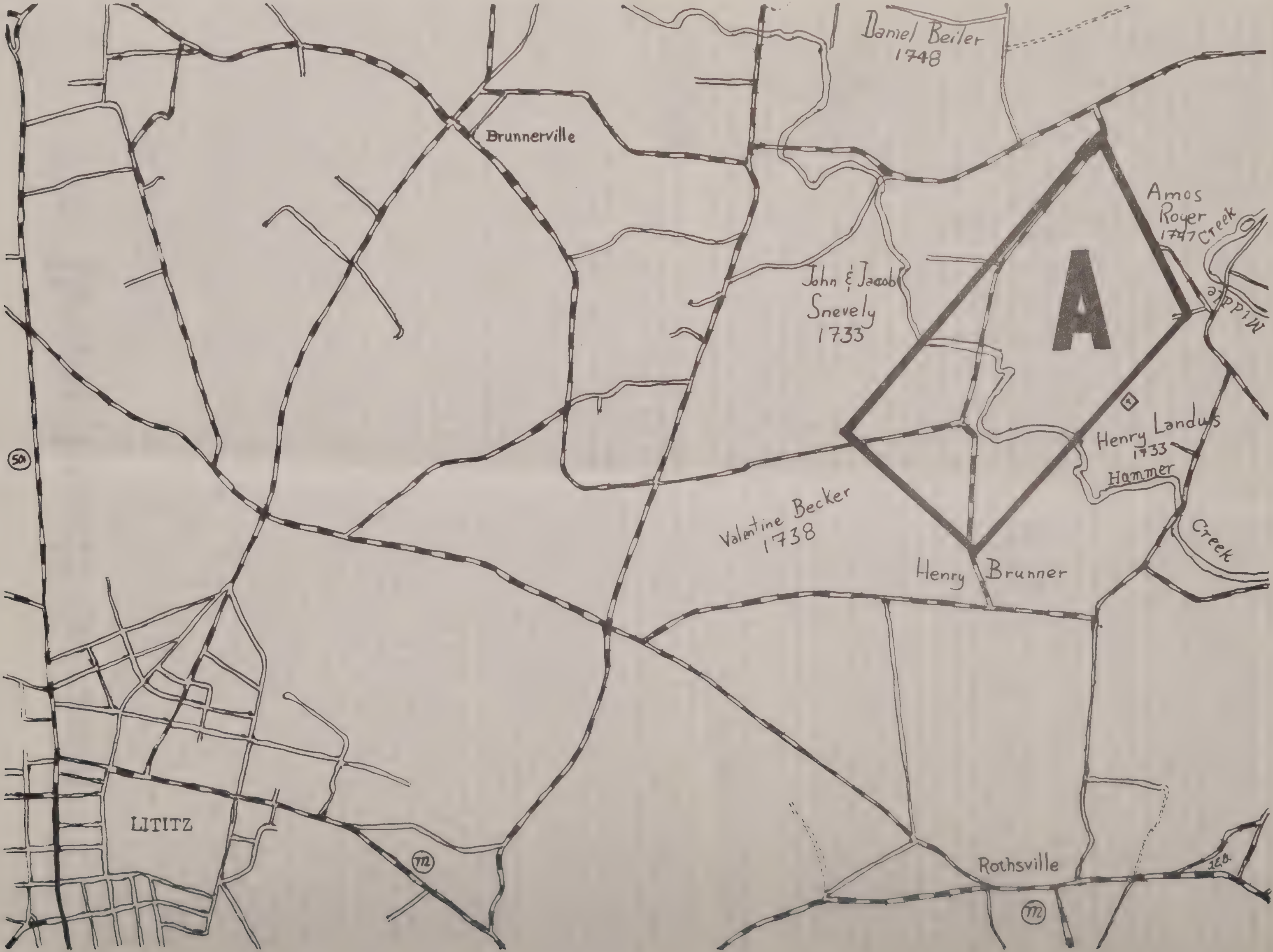
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The Pennsylvania-German

An Interview with Lawrence J. Ibach
the Amateur Astronomer

By Dr. I. H. Betz, York, Pa.

April 1911

The partial eclipse of the sun on Sunday, June 28, 1908, was an event that called forth much comment, not only on the part of the daily press, but among individuals of all classes. Eclipses and comets which formerly inspired so much uneasiness and dread among all classes, are now associated with curiosity from the standpoint of natural causes which produce them. But an eclipse even yet is viewed by savages as a monster who is hiding the face of the sun, and they believe that it is their bounden duty to scare him away with tin pans and tom toms. They claim to be absolutely successful every time! Are not some of our reasonings often on a par with theirs?

Astronomy, as we know it, while young in name is one of the oldest of the sciences. It was known during the Middle Ages by the name of astrology or the science of the stars. Such phrases as the "star of destiny," his star is in the ascendant," or the "result of the mission was disastrous" indicate that stellar and planetary influences at one time were predominant. To be born under a lucky planet, or some other favorable influence, was "a consummation devoutly to be wished" by fond parents who had the welfare of their offspring at heart.

The moon also seemed to shed, a malignant influence upon human kind, since it was held to produce aberrations of the mind. From this we derive the terms "lunatic" and "lunacy", from the fact that the moon was termed "luna" in the Latin tongue. Long before this time, in the dim and distant past, on the plains of Babylonia and Assyria, where the air was clear, dry and transparent, men had viewed the heavenly bodies and made well marked and definite observations upon them with the unaided senses.

At a still earlier time, when the wealth of men consisted in their flocks which were herded from place to place, the bright and starry sky offered rare opportunities in this nomadic life to observe the starry vault with all the minute intent that the unaided eye was capable of. The heavenly bodies being the most striking and brilliant objects visible to the inquirer, they became associated with a host of fancies and crude speculations. In fact they became adored and worshipped, and were believed to influence man and his destiny. Thus man became a sun worshipper and a worshipper of the stars and planets as minor deities. When we defer to the almanac and its guide marks we but make obeisance to these ancient worthies, to whom we are indebted for the sexigesimal divisions of the day, hours, minutes and seconds.

That department of physics termed meteorology is confessedly, still incomplete. When we come to the domain of life and mind, whether in their individual or collective compacities the modifying influences become greater and more involved and those sciences arising from them are attended with much uncertainty, and can no longer be termed exact. Thus in biological, pathological, physiological and psycholo-

A science so exact that it can predict long previously an eclipse within a fraction of a second appeals powerfully to all who observe and reason from cause to effect. Such sciences are fascinating in the extreme, and their outcome being verifiable truth, they produce a habit of mind that is satisfied with nothing but exact demonstration.

Of the great astronomers of the world we may name Ptolemy, Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo, Tycho Brahe, Herschel, Newton, Huygens, Proctor, Young, Newcomb, Holden and others. Their names and inspiration to pursuits of the immensities which produce and add grandeur to the verities of existence. Boys who have a taste in this direction can never divest themselves of this tendency, and even though their desires are ungratified, they will always in their musings of the past dwell upon "what might have been" had fortune smiled but kindly upon their longings, ambitions and aspirations.

But let us proceed to an amateur astronomer whom the writer met and interviewed years ago at Newmanstown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. This is a small town on one of the leading highways of the county and about two miles from the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, the newest railroad station being Sheridan. This region is fertile limestone land. About ten or twelve miles to the north in what is known as the slate land belt is situated Fredericksburg formerly known as Stumpstown. This was the birthplace of James Lick. This town has about six hundred inhabitants and is situated a few miles west of the Berks County line. It is a rural community and has no railway communication. We made copious notes of the conversation, surroundings and library of Mr. Lawrence J. Ibach at the time and found him to be a very interesting gentleman.

His home was a modest unpretending two-story frame house. In the real portion of it the philosopher and astronomer had his study. In this were all the appurtenances of an astronomical student's life. On the walls were hung maps descriptive of his profession. Placed upon the low old fashioned table which stood in the middle of the room were several elegantly mounted globes. Lying in a rack was a large sectional telescope while around the room a number of smaller ones were seen.

In the corners of the apartment were great stacks of books and also on many shelves that lined the room. Among his rare books was a copy of "Montcula" recounting observations and calculations many thousands of years ago. Here were also reminiscenes of the Ptolemies Thales, and others. Here were also found standard and learned works on astronomy such as the opinions of Kepler, Lu Caille, Lambert, Tobias Mayer Euler, Huygens, Galileo, Maupertius, and others of a more recent date. Our friend was a lover of Tycho Brahe and Copernicus. To hear him go into ectasies over these favorite authors was a treat.

He was an ardent admirer of Johannes Muller to whom he claimed must be assigned the honor of giving the completest ephemerides.

Here and there were scattered only as a student can scatter, charts and calculations of wind currents and air lines, sketches of particular stones, instruments to measure the sun and the moon, and such articles as pertain to the science of astronomy. It was truly a singular apartment to those uninitiated. Mr. Ibach like Elihu Burritt the learned blacksmith who acquired more than seventy languages was also a son of Vulcan who gained his knowledge amidst patient industry and toil. We noticed in Mr. Ibach's study a file of the Bostoninvestigator a sturdy sheet whose motto was,"Hear all sides then decide."We soon learned by his conversation that he was an original thinker of no mean order yet exceedingly hospitable toward new ideas yet conservative as regarded new departures from those which were thoroughly based on experience. He did not base his dicta on other men's opinions and mere say-so but on vertified conclusions not hastily but with time as the arbiter.

During a long and interesting conversation with Mr. Ibach we learned much of his family history and antecedents and also of his career as a man and as a student in his favorite study. He was a son of Gustavus Ibach a native of Dusseldorf, Germany, and was born January 17, 1816 at Allentown, Pa. His father was well known in his day as a successful worker in skillets and ladles. Young Lawrence was sent to school until he was 15 years of age after which he commenced to learn the trade of his father.

In 1835 the family removed to his then present residence at Newmanstown, Lebanon County, where they lived until 1849 when the subject of this sketch rented a forge near Reading from a Mr. Sidle a nephew of the then somewhat noted astronomer Charles F. Engleman. In 1852 he returned to Newmanstown the surroundings and climate near Reading not agreeing with him. During his stay near Reading he was a frequent visitor to Mr. Engleman and his boyish love of astronomy and mathematical subjects was freshly inspired.

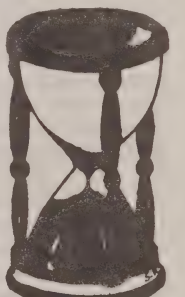
The intercourse with Mr. Engleman proved of much benefit to the nascent astronomer and he spoke with kindly feelings of the pleasure and instruction he received from him on astronomical topics. At the death of Mr. Engleman which occurred in 1860 he became the purchaser of all his books, charts and unfinished calculations. These latter by the advice he was prevailed upon to finish. In 1863 his first calculation appeared. Since that time he had calculated for various almanacs in the United States. Among them being the Hagerstown of Maryland. At that time he was also engaged in calculating for some of the largest houses in the country. He also was in the employ of the large metropolitan dailies who issued yearly almanacs.

In 1875 he translated his work into four different languages: French, Spanish, Italian and German, thus showing that though wrapped up in his particular business he had taken time to study other branches of learning. Mr. Ibach being of German descent spoke the Pennsylvania German dialect in all niceties. He was frank, affable and courteous in his manners and received strangers with politeness. He was a good conversationalist and above all a good listener. He was deferential in manner but without a trace of obsequiousness.

On all subjects our astronomical friend impressed himself most sanely and on all the problems of mathematics and physics which have so often disrupted the understanding. The squaring of the circle, perpetual motion, the philosopher's stone, the fountain of youth, the elixer of life, the duplication of the cube, the dissociation of matter and force, the destruction of matter and force and other erratic problems found no lodgment in his hospitable mind. He was familiar with all of them and with their checkered history. His ingenious comments, his shrewd remarks and inferences impressed one most forcibly.

We took leave of our versatile freind with many good wishes and thanks for the interesting hours we had spent with him so agreeably and instructively. We never met him again but his memory has recurred to us repeatedly through the long years which have intervened since that period. Here and there might formerly be met of like tendencies men who beguiled their leisure hours with studies which appealed to them. Strange to say a number of these individuals were blacksmiths and shoemakers. The noted mystic philosopher Jacob Boehme whose influence has been so great upon this division of thought was a shoemaker's apprentice at Gorlitz in Silesia. The same can be said for Andrew Jackson Davis in America and of Benjamin Offen the shoemaker who delivered courses of lectures in Tammany Hall, or of Samuel Smiles the shoemaker of Great Britian who became a self taught naturalist. Of Elihu Burritt who created so much attention a generation ago in pursuits which he anticipated we have already spoken. The tastes of Mr. George Miller of York in the pursuit of pratical entomology and ornithology during a long life time in the home field of York County the fruits of which are now stored in the rooms of the Historical Society of York County are most praiseworthy in character and stamp their collector as one of tenacity of purpose and of untiring energy. This may also be said of other collectors and founders of science like the Melsheimers, father and son, of Revs. Wagner and Morris in York County. Such pursuits are stimulating and healthful and by their example lead others to travel in their footsteps and thus lead to the acquisition of knowledge in a field that seems almost boundless. Therefore the labors of an Ibach which we have primarily sketched in this paper possess its uses and let us hope may have many imitators in this and kindred fields. Mr. Ibach died some years ago and was succeeded by his son.

The Hour Glass



To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

By Amos L. Fisher

THE SAMUEL KONIG, OR KING, FAMILIES

In the July, August, September, and October 1976 issues of The Diary there appeared in the list of "Our Fatherland in America" the introduction of the King Families, where we will start and list the fourteen children of (1) Samuel and Anna (Yoder) King (Anna Yoder being a daughter of Widow Barbara Yoder). The oldest daughter named in the will was (2) Magdalena King (1), born in about 1751, married to Jacob Kurtz, more study has to be made to identify the different Jacob Kurtz's. From the four immigrant Kurtz's—namely, Abraham Sr. who came in 1740, Stephen Kurtz who came in 1744, Johannes, or Hans, Kurtz who was our first deacon in Upper Bern Township, and Jacob, or Yockley, Kurtz who bought land in Manheim Township in 1748, each had a son named Jacob Kurtz. We know for sure that one Jacob Kurtz was married to Martha, or Magdalena, King. One of "Yockley" Jacob Kurtz's daughters, named Barbara, was married to a Jacob Jurtz. We know that a Jacob Kurtz settled west of Ephrata and was called "Ephrata" Jake. A Jacob Kurtz bought land in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County. We also know that Samuel King Jr. was married to Catherine Kurtz, daughter of a Jacob Kurtz, and moved together about the same time from Cumru Township, Berks County to Chester County, from there to Little Britian Township, Lancaster County, where he died in 1816. So we will leave this for later.

(3) Barbara King (1), born in about 1753, died in 1794, married to John Blank Jr., son of John Blank Sr. of Cocalico Township. They lived on what is now a Hershey farm about four miles east of the town of Intercourse at Spring Garden in Salisbury Township. Here John Blank was ordained a bishop-deacon and was referred to as Bishop John Blank. Barbara King, his wife, died July 2, 1794, one week after her son, Christian, was born. Arrangements were made for burial in the Cains Cemetery on the Dr. Hans Blank farm about four miles east from where Bishop John Blank lived, but in those days the science of preserving dead bodies was not in practice among the early settlers, so when Barbara died in July the death was such as demanded an immediate burial one

night, therefore preparations were made, a grave dug, and she was buried on their own farm, which was the beginning of a new cemetery which is still in use by the Amish today. Bishop John then married his second wife, Barbara Yoder, daughter of "Strong" Jacob Yoder of Caernarvon Township. At the time when John Blank was ordained bishop-deacon, Lancaster County was sparsely settled, with only one church district. In time his two sons, John and Samuel, were ordained ministers and his son, Christian, was ordained deacon. It was at this time, from 1820 to 1850, when there was disunity in the church and it may have been the cause of the western movement of the Amish people to western counties of Pennsylvania and to Ohio. Several Yoder families and a Beiler family moved to Holmes County and Fairfield County, Ohio, several to Juniata County, Jacob and his son, John Lapp, to Clarence Center, Erie County, New York, and also some, after a few years stay in Lancaster County, moved to Mifflin County. To the first marriage of John Blank were born eight children and to his second marriage, four children. In the February, 1975, issue of The Diary there is an article on the Blank family but, since some people were not subscribers at that time, will review the family again.

The oldest child was (4) Mary Blank (3), born July 29, 1780, died in 1848, married to Jacob Stoltzfus, born in 1779, died in 1810 at thirty-one years of age. He was one of the first Amish to be buried in the Myers Cemetery. To this union were born four children, the oldest was (5) Barbara Stoltzfus (4), married to Michael Lapp, son of John and Mary (Reickenbach) Lapp. Michael was ordained deacon here in our Middle Pequea District, where he died in December of 1855. To them were born one son and eight daughters. (6) Jacob Lapp (5), born in 1818, died in March of 1855, eight months before his father died. He was married to Elizabeth Beiler and had three children, Mary Lapp married to Joshua Lapp, Elizabeth married to Christian Stoltzfus, and Jacob Lapp, born in 1846, died in 1923. This Jacob was a boy nine years of age when his father died, so he was somewhat under the guardianship of his grandfather, Michael, till he died later the same year, December 22, 1955, as stated above. It so happened that on December 20, 1855, Barbara, wife of Jacob Stoltzfus, died (he being a son of the abovementioned Jacob and Mary (Blank) Stoltzfus) and on December 22, 1855, was her funeral at the old Jacob Stoltzfus home, now occupied by Samuel S. Stoltzfus and for a long time known as the Amos K. Stoltzfus farm. So on that day this small boy, Jacob Lapp, went with his grandfather, Michael Lapp, in an open wagon to the funeral and after the services taking the casket on the wagon and led the funeral procession to the Ronks Cemetery. While returning home and being at the place where Jonas F. Beiler now lives he saw his grandfather, Michael, was in need of help, took up the lines of the horse and turned into the Beiler home where the grandfather died within a few minutes. This boy, Jacob, grew to manhood, was married to Elizabeth Lapp, and was ordained minister of the Middle Pequea District, being a very talented and gifted speaker. (7) Rebecca Lapp (5), born in 1820, married to Eli Zook who was a minister and bishop of the Upper Pequea district and a son of Bishop "Long" Christol Zook of Mifflin County; (8) Mary Lapp (5), married to Christian Beiler, grandfather of the late Bishop David Zook of Groffdale and also great-grandparents of Abner F. Beiler; (9) Barbara Lapp (5), married to Samuel Petersheim; (10) Sarah Lapp (5), married to Solomon Stoltzfus; (11) Leah Lapp (5), married to Abraham Petersheim; (12) Susan Lapp (5), married to John Berkey, grandparents of Deacon Aaron J. Stoltzfus; (13) Elizabeth Lapp (5), married to the late Minister Benjamin Fisher of Ronks.

(14) Christian Stoltzfus (4), born September 3, 1803, died in 1883 in Union County, Pennsylvania, married first to Susan Lantz, second to Lydia Beiler. There were eleven children born from the first marriage and six from the second marriage. Christian Stoltzfus with his family moved to Union County, Pennsylvania, in 1837 the same time his father-in-law, Samuel Lantz, did, together with six other married Lantz children. Christian was ordained deacon of the Amish Church there. The oldest daughter, Maria Stoltzfus, was married to Christian King who was ordained minister in Union County and later when he moved back to Lancaster County he was ordained bishop. Others on the minister's bench there were Solomon Yoder who moved to Long Green, Maryland, where he was bishop or he may have been bishop in Union County. Elias Riehl was also on the minister's bench and was the last bishop. Bishop-Deacon Michael Swartz also moved there and still later to Wayne County, Ohio. The last ordained minister was Deacon Christian's son-in-law, David Stoltzfus, who later moved to West Liberty, Ohio. There is a brief outline of this family and of the Union County settlement in the February and March issues of The Diary, so we will leave this family for this time.

(15) John Stoltzfus (4), born December 3, 1805, married to Catherine Hooley, born in 1807, died in 1884, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Mast) Hooley. John was ordained deacon in the Amish Church in the Lower Pequea District. To this union were born fifteen children several of whom died young. The oldest was Mary Stoltzfus, married to David Beiler who was minister in the Upper Pequea District. They were the parents of the late Bishop Benjamin Beiler of Ronks. In 1871 John Stoltzfus and three of his married sons, John, Christian, and Jacob and two of his sons-in-law decided to move to Knox County, Tennessee, where he was ordained a bishop and from then on was referred to as "Tennessee" John. There was an article on this family in an earlier issue of The Diary so will leave it for now.

(16) Jacob Stoltzfus (4), born February 3, 1803, died in 1892, married first to Barbara King, born in 1813, died December 20, 1855, as mentioned before in this article; second marriage was to Nancy Smucker, widow of Absalam Kenegy of Mifflin County, and third to Nancy Kurtz, daughter of Christian and

Catherine (King) Kurtz. Jacob was ordained minister in the Middle Pequea District in 1846 and they were the parents of fourteen children, all from the first marriage. An article appeared in the March 1975 issue of The Diary so will leave it for this time.

(17) Annie Blank (2), born January 13, 1782, died November 30, 1856, married to Christian Stoltzfus, son of Bishop Christian and Catherine (Gerber) Stoltzfus. They lived in the Millcreek District where Israel Swarey now lives, and were the parents of nine known children—namely, Catherine, married to Christian King; Elizabeth, married to John King, second to Henry Lantz; Barbara, married to Benjamin King; John Stoltzfus, minister at Groffdale, was better known as "Groffdale" John, married first to Elizabeth Umble, second to Elizabeth Nafzinger; Samuel Stoltzfus, married to Susanna Beiler; Rebecca Stoltzfus, married to Christian Beiler (Deacon); Anna Stoltzfus, married to Christian Lapp; Christian Stoltzfus, married to Katie Kurtz, and Susanna Stoltzfus, married to John K. Lapp. An outline of this family also had appeared in The Diary so will leave it for this time.

The third child of Bishop John Blank was (18) John Blank Jr. (2), born in 1784, died in 1846, married to Fannie Lantz, daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Kurtz) Lantz of Mifflin County. John Jr. was ordained minister in the Lower Pequea District. They were the parents of seven children who married and grew to adulthood. See April 1975 issue of The Diary.

(19) Samuel Blank (2), born in 1788, died in 1867, was also a minister, with his father and brother, John and Christian, married to Barbara Yoder, daughter of John and Magdalena (Garver) Yoder (John being a son of "Strong" Jacob Yoder). See April 1975 issue of The Diary.

(20) Barbara Blank (2), born in 1790, died in 1873, married to Christian Neuhauser, son of Christian and Magdalena (Zwalder) Neuhauser. See Neuhauser Family in October 1972 issue of The Diary.

(21) Elizabeth Blank (2), born in 1792, died in 1874, became the second wife of Christian Fisher, being great-great-grandparents to the writer. Some more of this family will appear later.

(22) Christian Blank (2), born in 1794, died in 1844 in Juniata County, married to Catherine Yoder, daughter of John and Magdalena (Zook) Yoder. He was a deacon, and ancestor to the Blank's around Millwood today (see April 1975 issue of The Diary).

The four youngest children of Bishop John Blank are from his second marriage and are not descendant from the Samuel King Family.

The third child of the immigrant, Samuel and Anna (Yoder) King, was (24) Anna King (1), birth date unknown, died in 1816, was married to Christian Beiler Jr. who was born in Berks County November 24, 1752, died in 1804 in Lancaster County, son of Christian and Barbara (Yoder) Beiler.

The Beiler's lived in Northern Berks County, a short distance south of the Blue Mountains, about six or eight miles west of Hamburg, near Shartlesville. Christian Beiler Sr. moved from there to Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County. Christian Jr. is believed to have moved from there to Lebanon County in 1777, about one mile south of Myerstown, adjacent to the Mennonite Church. There is a marker on the corner of the farm, along the church yard property, where several of the Beiler children are buried. Christian Beiler Jr. sold out in Lebanon County in 1803 and bought property in East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, in 1804 which was the year in which he died. To this union were born nine children—namely:

Samuel Beiler, born May 30, 1777, died March 29, 1788.

Jacob Beiler, married to Elizabeth Hertzler.

Christian Beiler, born April 14, 1783, died February 18, 1788.

Hannis, or John, Beiler, born September 9, 1784, married to Elizabeth Lapp.

David Beiler, born September 9, 1786, married to Elizabeth Fisher.

Abraham Beiler, born February 28, 1789, died at the age of one year and 28 days.

Jonathan Beiler, born September 27, 1791, married to Anna Lapp.

Frena Beiler, born August 23, 1794, died March 3, 1802.

Solomon Beiler, born July 18, 1798, married to Sarah Hertzler.

(25) Jacob Beiler (24), as stated above, married to Elizabeth Hertzler, born in Berks County April 5, 1779, died November 3, 1853, daughter of Deacon Christian Hertzler. It appears that Jacob Beiler's lived in Lancaster County till 1818 when they moved to Mifflin County. From there they moved to Union County, first on a rented farm and not until 1842 did they purchase a farm in Kelly Township, Union County, where he died in 1848. To them were born eight children—namely:

Nancy Beiler, married John Peachey.
Elizabeth Beiler, born in 1805, died in 1814.
Jonas Beiler, born in 1807, died in 1813.
Jacob Beiler, married Nancy Hertzler.
Christian Beiler, born in 1812, died in 1845.
John H. Beiler, married Gertrude Riehl.
Emanuel Beiler, married Elizabeth Hertzler.
Lydia Beiler, married Deacon Christian Stoltzfus.

(26) Nancy Beiler (25), born in 1803, married to John Peachey, born in 1795, son of Moses and Barbara (Yoder) Peachey. They lived in Mifflin County and had eight children of which four died single or young. (27) Christian B. Peachey (26), born in 1824, married first to Rebecca King, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Yoder) King. He married second to Rebecca Zook, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Yoder) Zook. They had thirteen children, being affiliated with Mennonite or more liberal churches.

(28) Jacob Beiler Jr. (25), born December 5, 1809, in Lancaster County, died in 1855 in Union County, married to Nancy Hertzler, born in 1814, died in 1844, daughter of David and Martha (Kauffman) Hertzler. Most of these children moved to Lancaster County

after the death of their parents. (29) Elizabeth Beiler (28), born in 1839, married to Christian King. They lived in the Upper Pequea District. (30) Rebecca Beiler (28), born in Union County in 1846, married to Joel K. Zook, who was ordained minister in the Mill Creek District and were the parents of David B. Zook of Bird-in-Hand R1 and Isaac B. Zook of Christiana R1. Joel K. Zook married his second wife, Fanny Dienner. (31) David H. Beiler (28), born in 1848 in Union County, married to Freany Miller. They settled in Lancaster County and lived on the farm of the late Mose Riehl, now occupied by Bishop Christian Riehl. They had two children which both died unmarried. (32) Jemima Beiler (28), born in Union County in 1851, married to Benjamin King of Lancaster County, who died in 1900. Jemima married her second husband, Bishop Gideon Stoltzfus of the Lower Pequea District. Their oldest daughter, Salina King, born September 25, 1872, married to Enos Stoltzfus. She has her home with her neices, Salina and Mary Beiler, and if she lives till September 25th she will be 105 years old. A grandson of the abovementioned Benjamin King is Aaron S. King, who is a minister in the Upper Pequea District. (33) Nancy Beiler (28), born in Union County in 1858, married to David Hertzler, son of Pre. Samuel Hertzler. They lived on the old Hertzler Farm along Route 340, midway between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. They were the parents of the late (34) Samuel Hertzler (33), married to Elizabeth N. Stoltzfus, second wife was Katie Ann Hershberger. They moved off the Hertzler farm in about 1921 or 1922 to Dover, Delaware, and later to St. Mary's County, Maryland, where several of the children still reside. Jacob Hertzler lives in Tavistock, Ontario, with his children, and Samuel Hertzler is in South America. The old Hertzler farm is now occupied by Elam B. Zook whose wife is Emma Lapp, daughter of Christian and Katie (Hertzler) Lapp. They represent the fifth generation of Hertzler's on that farm.

(35) John H. Beiler (25), born in Lancaster County in 1815, moved with his parents to Mifflin County around 1818, married when about forty years of age to Gertrude Riehl, born in 1832 in Half Moon Valley, Centre County, daughter of Lewis Riehl. They also seem to have lived in Union County before moving to Ronks, in Lancaster County, where they died, and are buried in the Ronks Cemetery. They were the parents of seven children, (36) Elizabeth H. Beiler (35), born in 1857, married to Daniel R. Smoker, born in 1860, son of Joshua and Barbara (Renno) Smucker. Their children, being affiliated with the Mennonite Church, are Fannie B. Smoker, married to Christian Engle; Samuel B. Smoker, married to Salome Stoltzfus; Rebecca Smoker, married to Levi Mast; Daniel B. Smoker, married to Hilda Stoltzfus; Malinda Smoker, married to Harry Stoltzfus, and Gertrude Smoker, married to Christ H. King, son of the late Henry and "Bevy" Barbara (Hostetler) King. (37) Levi Beiler (35), born in 1860, died single in 1940. He at one time lived in Chester County with the Amish people but joined the Jehovah Witness Church and moved to Schuylkill Haven. (38) Fannie R. Beiler (35), born in 1862 in Union County, married to Joseph Bawell and moved to Greenwood, Delaware. (39) Malinda Beiler (35), died single, lived in Soudersburg. (40) Abraham Beiler, lived with his brother, Levi, but when he was fifty-one years old he married to Clara Cummings, joined the Jehovah Witness, and also moved to Schuylkill Haven. (41) Anna Beiler (35), died single.

(42) Emanuel Beiler (25), born in 1817, married first to Elizabeth Hertzler, daughter of Yost and Elizabeth (Beiler) Hertzler, second wife was Leah Beiler. According to the writings of John Umble, Emanuel Beiler never lived in Union County but got the home farm in Mifflin County when his parents, the Jacob Beiler's, moved to Union County. They had three sons, (43) Jacob Beiler (42), married to Emma J. Hershberger, they had one daughter who died in infancy, and we have no record of the other two sons, John and Joseph Beiler, being married. (44) Lydia Beiler (25), born in 1820 in Mifflin County, she became the second wife of Deacon Christian Stoltzfus, born in Lancaster County in 1803, son of Jacob and Mary (Blank) Stoltzfus, who is mentioned at the beginning of this article. Christian and his first wife, Susan Lantz, moved from Lancaster County to Union County in 1837, where his first wife died in 1853. It was then that he married to Lydia Beiler who was seventeen years younger than himself. To this union were born six children—namely, (45) Nancy B. Stoltzfus (44), born in 1856, married to Benjamin Franklin Umble, son of Jacob and Barbara (Kurtz) Umble. They were the parents of John Umble who was a professor at Goshen College in Indiana. He wrote several articles on the history of the Union County Amish settlement in the "Herald der Wahrheit" in the 1930's. (46) Elizabeth Stoltzfus (44), born in 1857, married to David Stoltzfus, son of David and Sarah (Smucker) Stoltzfus of Lancaster County. He was the last ordained Amish minister in Union County, and after the Amish people moved away from there they moved to Hartford, Kansas, and later back to West Liberty, Ohio. (47) Eli B. Stoltzfus (44), born in 1860 in Union County, married to Martha Ellen Yoder, daughter of Bishop Jonas and Fannie (Kenegy) Yoder of West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio. He was minister and bishop in Logan County. (48) Benjamin B. Stoltzfus (44), born in 1861, married to Emma Rich. He also was a Mennonite minister.

Next on the list of children of Christian Jr. and Anna (King) Beiler is (49) Hannes, or John, Beiler (24), born September 9, 1791, died in Union County May 2, 1868, married to Elizabeth Lapp, born October 1, 1792, near Morgantown, daughter of John and Maria (Reickenbach) Lapp, died February 1, 1878, in Lancaster County, and is buried in the Ronks Cemetery. They moved from the farm south of Ronks to Henderson Township, Huntington County, a few miles west of Allensville, Pennsylvania, sometime between 1810 and 1820. Then, according to the writings of John Umble, they purchased three hundred forty-nine acres of land in Union County in 1836.

This probably being the time when they made the move from Huntington County to Union County. This Beiler land was along what was then Furnace Road on the southern limits of the Amish settlement and across the road from the Beiler's Cemetery. Here Hannes divided his land into four farms, Hannes himself and his wife lived in the "Grossdody" house on the eastern farm with his son Eli. The next farm west was where his daughter Betsy lived who was married to the Widower Joel Riehl, next farm west was where his son, Joshua Beiler, lived, and on west was where his son, Samuel Beiler, lived. To this union were born eleven children—namely:

Christian Beiler, married Hannah Hertzler;
Marie Beiler, married Christian Peachey;
Deacon John Beiler, married Lydia Hertzler;
Jonathan Beiler, married Catharine Kauffman;
David Beiler, married Susan Stoltzfus;
Anna Beiler, married Michael Plank;
Samuel Beiler, married Martha Glick;
Elizabeth, or Betsy, Beiler, married Joel Riehl;
Jacob Beiler, married Catharine King;
Eli Beiler, married . . . . ;
Michael Beiler, married Catharine Glick.

The oldest son, (50) Christian Beiler (49), born December 12, 1813, died May 29, 1866, was married to Hannah Hertzler, born in 1817, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Hertzler. No children were born to this union. After Christian Beiler died, Hannah married to John Renno, son of David Renno, and lived in the house where Ada S. and Sara E. Fisher now live in Soudersburg. To be continued

Farming and Gardening in the Bible

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Gardens

Chapter 4

The opening chapters of *Genesis* unfold the first garden and the first lesson in botany: "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth." In the last chapter of the last book, *Revelation*, the tree of life, eternal perennial, makes its final appearance in Holy Writ, gracing the banks of the river of water of life: "It bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

Lying between this biblical Alpha and Omega are hundreds of references to all those things which make up a garden. A history written in our times, whether sacred or profane, would show little of the love for gardening and familiarity with the simple things of the soil which the men of old demonstrated; and such a history would be a more mechanical, more material, less impressive and less inspiring record than the timeless chronicles of the ancient prophets, priests and scribes, whose first hand knowledge of growing plants illumines and embellishes so many of the books of the Bible.

The gardens of Babylon, Assyria and Egypt, and more distant Persia and India, excelled in splendor the gardens of Israel; however, those nations had a head start for they were established horticulturists long before the Chosen People gave up their nomadic wanderings. It was not until the time of Saul and David, in the books of *Samuel*, that the Hebrews are depicted as settling down to cultivation. Such being the case, the glories of the gardens, vineyards and orchards of David's son Solomon show that he lost no time in keeping up with the regal Joneses of the Nile, the Tigris and the Indus.

The garden of Eden and the botanical specialization shown in the first chapter of *Genesis*, denote a skilled and professional knowledge of the science of plants which was unknown to, or lost by, the patriarchs. The ark safely moored, Noah wasted no time in establishing a vineyard and celebrating his survival. The art of vine culture and fermentation of the grape is far advanced from the crude beginnings of agriculture and nomadic desert wanderings.

While the Scriptures abound in references to plants and their growth processes, and the simile of a well-watered or parched garden is frequently used, yet specific gardens identified by name or location are very few. The garden of Eden, the King's garden (of Jerusalem), the garden of Uzza, also owned by the Kings of Judah, Naboth's vineyard converted into Ahab's herb garden, the Persian garden of King Ahasueres, and Solomon's famous gardens complete the Old Testament list. The New Testament has only two, Gethsemane and the garden of Joseph of Arimathea.

To us, a garden commonly brings to mind a small plot of land on which we may grow flowers and fruit, vegetables and herbs; a place to walk through along narrow paths, and look down on nature's beauty and bounty. To the ancients, a garden was predominantly a garden of trees, a place of shade from the heat of the sun, refreshed by brooks or fountains. The social aspects sometimes outweighed the horticultural; gardens were the scenes of feasts and receptions, religious saturnalia or austere prayer meetings, sanctums for quiet meditation, and finally burial grounds for the owner and his family. Accordingly, as we visualize the gardens of the Bible we should depict something different from our modern flower and vegetable patches; trees and a protected water supply should be foremost in the mind's eye; a sub-tropical botanical garden would be a modern equivalent.

Gardening was the hobby and the pride of kings and princes, an ornament of splendor and luxury as well as horticultural skill and good taste. These were formal gardens, still cultivated in the East and often the motif for oriental carpets and tapestries. The pattern has persisted to near-contemporary times and Christian kings vied with Moorish infidels in landscaped magnificence. Economic pressure and the march of events has pratically eliminated the class of people who had the wealth, the pride and the love for such monuments of natural display, and in our democratic times gardens in most instances means backyard plot or allotment.

Eden is commonly regarded as being synonymous with the garden of the Lord and man's first earthly paradise. *Genesis* (2/8, 10) tells us: "The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden . . . and a river went out of Eden to water the garden," so we deduce that Eden was a district or territory of which the famous garden occupied only a small part. When Adam and Eve were expelled, they were free to wander through the remainder of the land of Eden as well as beyond its boundaries, and it is reasonable to suppose that the pastoral and agricultural interests of the first family restricted their roving to the valley of the river of Eden, or one of its branches. The tropical nature of Eden is evident from the comfortable nudity of our first parents. It was modesty or prudishness, rather than low temperatures or chilly winds, which inspired the apron of fig leaves. The coats of skin later donated by Jehovah were probably meant for protection against thorns and briers rather than for warmth.

Let us study that most famous of gardens. Usually the spotlight of attention is focused on Adam and Eve and the serpent. For a change we will concentrate on the garden, as described in *Genesis*. Note the emphasis on trees. "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden....and out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil . . . . And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it:for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die . . . . Now the serpent . . . . said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree in the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God . . . . said . . . . Hast thou eaten of the tree? . . . . and the man said, The woman . . . . she gave me of the tree, and I did eat . . . . And the Lord God said . . . . unto Adam . . . . Because . . . . thou hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it; cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thisles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread . . . . Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken."

We observe then that the garden of Eden was a garden of trees, watered by streams which flowed four ways, a symbol typical of the gardens of the East. It was a garden of shade trees and fruit trees, together with the metaphysical tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and of evil. The tree of life is glorified in many religions, but only those who attribute man's sorrowful state to the fall of Adam give precedence to the tree of discrimination. In the East practically all trees were held sacred to a greater or lesses extent. Assyrian sculpure depicts Asshur, founder of the Empire, was a tree-god, and treeworship claimed a leading role in Assyrian religion. Most primitive worship revered trees, regarding them as symbols or even temple dwellings of the gods of fertility, their grandeur, their protective shade, and their long life calling forth adoration and gratitude. The location of Eden has never been satisfactorily established but most evidence places it in the Mesopotamian plain, where sacred trees studded mythology. The father of the Hebrew race, his early life imbued with reverence for trees, brought his ideas to distant Canaan;"Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God" (*Genesis* 21/33).

Adam was placed in the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. In the rich virgin soil and semi-tropical conditions of the sacred garden the duties intended for Adam presumably were light and pleasant. Weeds, blight, and caterpillars, if they existed, were beneficent rather than harmful. The low regard in which herbs of the field- probably cereal grains, vegetables and edible herbs-were held is evident in Adam's expulsion sentence;"Cursed is the ground for thy sake; . . . . thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." The contempt of the lordly keeper of the garden for the lowly serf clearing thickets, of weeds, and laboriously tilling the soil with inadequate primitive implements, dependant on scanty rain while the well situated garden is irrigated or fed from a constant spring, the delectable ripening fruit requiring no drawn out processing-all this is implicit in the curse on poor Adam.

Later in *Genesis* (13/10) Lot, impressed by his first vista of the then fertile Jordan valley, observed it to be well watered "like the garden of the Lord." The importance of water recurs again and again, the abundantly watered garden being lauded as a thing of beauty and joy, while the garden deficient in moisture was a symbol of waste and despair. Living waters were glorified: "Afountain of gardens,a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon" (*Song of Solomon* 4/15).

Ahab's covetous desire for Naboth's vineyard, which he wished to convert to a garden of herbs, resulted in Naboth's being murdered at the instigation of Ahab's wife. The resulting feud brought violent death to Jezebel and to her son, King Ahaziah, who attempted to flee avengers "by way of the garden house" (2*Kings* 9/27). Here is the first mention of this addition to the utility garden. The ancient scribes feature this garden of the Kings of Judah as an escape route, from internal enemies as in the instance just quoted, and through the besieging army of Nebuchadnezzar, Emperor of Babylon, for the starving garrison of King Zedekiah, last of the King of Judah (2*Kings*25/4). This garden is identified in *Nehemiah* (3/15) as being by the Pool of Siloah (Siloam), at the junction of the valleys of the Kidron and Hinnom, the gullies of which provide cover for escapes. The garden of Uzza, adjacent to the palace of Manasseh, was another royal garden originally privately owned. Manasseh and his son Ammon were buried in it (2*Kings* 21/18, 26). While there is no scriptural confirmation, it is believed that other Hebrew monarchs found their last resting place in the King's Garden. Regretably, the Bible gives no clue to the landscaping nor the plants of the imperial gardens. The only other Bible reference to garden interment concerns the sepulchre in which Jesus was laid, in a garden close by his crucifixion tree.

The king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble; the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble. And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another), and royal wine in abundance." Such was the fabulous palace garden of Shushan, the oriental splendor of which is briefly glimpsed in the drama of *Esther*, biblical Cinderella who won the beauty contest which crowned her queen and consort of King Ahasueres (Xerxes) of Persia. Unfortunately it was the architecture and man-made splendor of the garden court which caught the attention of this early society reporter, and no botanical detail is given.

This feast was a proletarian affair, to whip up patriotc support for the invasion of Greece. It followed a six month diplomatic entertainment of the princes and ruling classes of the empire, and no doubt potential allies were lavishly courted. With palace favorites crowding the court of the garden during this bacchanalian windup, we may infer that the populace did their celebrating in the vast garden grounds where their noisy merry-making would not disturb the court. We know that Persian rulers landscaped their hunting grounds into parklike domains, and Shushan (Susa) being the capital city and seat of the throne, it is likely that the king's hunting parks adjoined and formed extentions to the palace garden proper, so that a large concourse of people could revel there for a week without disturbing the aristocracy in the palace.

The Greek invasion ended in ignominious disaster, and the king returned to drown his sorrows in debauchery. To divert popular resentment into political channels the king's advisers counselled the age-old propaganda,"Blame the Jews" (***Esther*** 3/8-9). The plan backfired, and later in the tale it was to the quiet solitude of the palace garden that the perplexed monarch retired, to cool his wrath and appropriate action on court intrigue.

The Jews of the Exile, taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon, were very familiar with the world-famous hanging gardens of their capturer's palace; they probably helped to construct some of the features which gave it the rating of one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. After a series of victories in Syria, Palestine, and Egypt, the victorious king returned to Babylon and remodeled much of the city, building himself an ornate new palace in the architecture of which he incorporated the hanging gardens. *2 Kings* [*24:14, 16*] tells that Nebuchadnezzar deported from Jerusalem "all the craftsmen and smiths...one thousand... to Babylon." *Jeremiah* [*24:1; 29:2*] confirms this, substituting carpenters for craftsmen. The Bible makes no mention of this renowned garden.

To some of the scribes and historians whose combined literary testaments we term the Holy Bible, gardens were of documentary interest only insofar as they served as scenes of action for historical people or events. The garden lover who finds more inspiration in the rhythmic processes of nature than in man's materialism is indebted to Solomon, who may justly be termed the gardening king. Solomon considered beautiful and bountiful gardens a more enduring tribute than victory in war. Not only did he plant and develop gardens and orchards whose fame spread to distant countries, but in some of the richest prose in the Bible he glorified love in terms redolent with the perfume and natural beauty of his flowers, fruits and spices. In ***Ecclesastes*** [***2:4 ff.***] he declares: "I planted me vineyards; I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:... also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me." In succeeding verses he proves that his gardens and flocks were not just a rich man's whim. He writes as though he shared in the manual labor and displays epicurean pleasure in the good things which his gardens and his cattle furnished to his table. "There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God. For who can eat, or who else can hasten thereunto, more than I? ...Moreover, the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field."

Solomon was acclaimed a great botanist. In his *Song of Songs* there are over seventy references to plants, a miniature herbal in itself. In passionate and emotional language, Solomon reveals a deeply sensuous appreciation of the glory of the garden which remains unequalled in literature. How he must have loved the rich mellow earth and nature's bounty growing therefrom! It is in Solomon's Song, and only there, that the Bible becomes a garden ode. Here is no garden of paradise, of mystical trees, talking serpents, and fallen Man. Man, is here, and woman too, but they are as contemporary and understandable as other great lovers. There are no forbidden fruits in this garden: "A man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry; for that shall abide with him of his labor the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun." This, of course, is too often misconstrued and should not be taken out of the context of Solomon's advice which repeatedly condemns gluttony, drunkenness and debauchery as severely as any hair-shirted prophet. The good husbandman, then or now, raising the bounty of the fruitful earth with his own labor and planning, according justice and kindness to his associates, his servants, his animals and even his plants, can and should eat, drink and be merry with a good conscience.

The true garden lover will find pleasure and profit in accompanying Solomon "down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished, and the pomegranates budded...to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies." Solomon's gardens are believed to have lain in a valley (Wady Urtas) between Bethlehem and Hebron, irrigated by water from Solomon's Pools. These reservoirs, three in number, were huge cisterns with walls of stone and masonry bonded to the rock foundations. Their total capacity is estimated to have been a hundred million gallons. Underground conduits from an ever--flowing fountain, also walled in, carried the water which helped replenish the Pools. It is this water system and the gardens it irrigated which is believed to be referred to in *Song of Solomon* [*4:12*]: "A garden inclosed...a spring shut up, a fountain sealed."

From non-biblical sources we learn that many gardens lay outside the city walls of Jerusalem, in what we should now term suburban areas. One garden flourished within the city walls from the time of the prophets; it was a rose garden and lay west of the Temple. The prohibition against gardens in the city proper was principally for sanitary reasons connected with the fertilizing process common in the East. Congested housing left little room for gardens. In the better class homes, built around spacious courtyards, choice plants were sometimes grown in the open space. This custom is alluded to in ***Psalms*** [***128:3***]: "Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children like olive plants round about thy table."

Among the Canaanites and other pre-israelite inhabitants of Palestine, varied images of the great nature god Baal were set up in gardens, and worshipped there under sacred trees. In their periodic backsliding the Hebrews sometimes forsook the austere worship of the invisible Jehovah and lasped into the emotional and sensual adoration of Baal and his feminine counterpart Ashtaroth. In his last two chapters ***Isaiah*** denounces this idolatry: "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people....a people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse." Modern garden statuary, although purely ornamental in function and purpose, nonetheless is a direct link with the sacred gardens of Canaan, dominated by pagan images

Christianity reacts to the garden of Gethsemane in sorrow and sadness; there Jesus, the Exemplar of quiet confidence and divine assurance slumped momentarily into human nervousness as the shadow of betrayal and torture crept inexorably towards him: "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death." Jesus and his disciples held many happy memories of the old garden, adjoining an olive grove, for it was a favorite haunt of theirs, as *John* [*18:1, 2*] tells: "Jesus...went forth...over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples...for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples." Jesus loved the friendly earth, and the poignancy of approaching death in this garden of happier times swept over him. Gethsemane lay at the foot of the Mount of Olives, nearly a mile beyond the city walls of Jerusalem.

A few hours later, the tortured body of the Master found earthly rest in an unfamiliar garden. "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus..." [*John 19:41, 42*] From [*Matthew 27:57-60*] we learn that this garden was owned by Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy and influential Jew and a secret disciple of our Lord. Such a well-to-do citizen probably owned a garden in keeping with his position, and evidently he employed a professional gardener. "Many stood without the sepulchre, weeping...and...she turned...and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary..." [*John 20:11-16*]

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Our Fatherland In America
The Erbs In America

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This article has been delayed for a few months because of difficult means to gather true sources of information to fit our most needed Nicholas Erb family together. First of all we must acknowledge our readers that the last paragraph on page 95 must be disregarded and labeled as incorrect, which was based on a well known Erb family history. As wider research on our Erb family resumed our former basis proved quite incorrect in many aspects, yet it is the only ready source of compiled Erb families and it is invaluable in its way as a wide variation to select facts from. Otherwise it was a most mysterious family for todays research.

As stated in a paragraph on page 95, we have ample proof that Nicholas and Catherine Erb were of the Amish faith. At least two of their children were intermarried to the bishop Hans Schantz family, the first Amish bishop in Lancaster County. Naturally we will concentrate on this family first. The afore mentioned Erb family history tends to combine three Erb families into one family, and we do not have sufficient information at this date to truly single out our Erb family in full detail. However we must at this point arrange the family to the best of our knowledge, with ship records, County Court records and other documents which are limited.

As we have stated on page 95 the Nicholas Erb family came to America in 1737 on ship Charming Nancy. The Strassburger-Hinke shiplist 49A gives us invaluable information because it lists the women and children seperately. Adults are over 16 years old, children are under 16 years old. As this barrier strikes near the center of the family we can well estimate the children by age.

The Nicholas Erb Family

The Erb family history speaks of a Nicholas Erb who came to America in 1722. This family is unknown to us and can not be found in Lancaster County documents anywhere. However it is probable that the birthdate of such an Erb family was placed to our Nicholas Erb. Therefore we cannot give an authentic birthdate nor date of death. We will however include estimated dates when a question mark follows and this work must be considered a study.

Nicholas Erb born 1695? died after 1747 as that is the last county document available. He came to America with his wife Catrina (ship list spelling), Lancaster County deed spellings are all Catherine. They were granted a tract of land from the Penn Propieters of 285 acres and patented to them in 1742. This tract was first applied for by John and Jacob Snevely in 1733. The application was transferred to a man named Erisman who died shortly afterwards. The widow Edith Erisman transferred the warrent to Nicholas Erb in 1742. It is probable that the Snevely's were related to the Erbs or at least well aquainted in Europe who entered an application for the Erbs on ahead of their coming. A Lebanon County Orphans court record (1786) also lists a Jacob Erisman appointed guardian for a minor child connected with the Erb-Johns-Landis families. Since he was selected from the distance of another county, it indicates relationship or close associate.

Back to shiplist records we find that the children of Nicholas and Catrina Erb are neatly listed. John and Nicholas Jr. are adults, Anna Jacob, Catrina and Christian are minors under 16 years of age.

On page 95 of the April, 1977 Diary we quoted that our pioneer Erbs settled on a tract on the banks of the Cocalico and are buried on a Graystone Manor farm (Mike Stoltzfus) graveyard. This was copied from the Erb family history book, which is clear that in turn was taken from a 1963 study that is recorded in a Lancaster County historical society docket. Some subjects were also gathered from "Annuals of Lancaster County" by Ellis and Evans. In spite of the sincere research released by former historians, it cannot be true that our Nicholas Erb family is buried there, because they never lived there. The land grand on which the Graystone Manor farm is on was first warrented to Christian Shypley (Sheibley) from the Penn Propieters in 1745. Not until 1752 was part of this tract conveyed to a John Erb (not the son of Nicholas) which was after the death of Nicholas Erb. Although an Erb graveyard does not exist on the Graystone Manor farm, not until 1847 did a certain Jacob Erb of Earl Twp. purchase that part of the Sheibly tract from Peter Forney and his son Emanuel, wife and children are buried there.

It is clear that our Nicholas Erb and his wife Catherine have lived and died on the Erb homestead on the corner of three present townships namely: Warrick, Cocalico and Elizabeth, (see map). Their land is always listed in Warrick Twp. They with some of the family are most certainly buried on this homestead burial plot.

Another immigrant, Christian Erb came to America in 1736 on ship Harle, at the age of 46 (Strassberger Henke list 41A). His wife's name does not appear on the shiplist nor on any available Lancaster Co. documents. His will was probated at Lancaster and recorded but evidently lost. We assume this is the Christian given in the Erb family history as a son of Nicholas Erb, but this cannot be authentic because of his age and the age of his family. Morever, too many close relation intermarriages appear. In one instance, a daughter of Nicholas was married to her nephew. We assume this Christian was married to Maria Wenger, a daughter of immigrant Christian Wenger, who settled on a part of the Hans Groff tracts of what is now Groffdale. He settled on a tract in Warwick Twp., just east of present Millport (see map) warrented to him in 1742 and patented to his son Christian.

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Eight-year-old Killed in Farm Accident

John L., age 8, son of Leroy and Suvilla Glick, of 2469 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, Pa., was killed when he fell off a farm tractor and was swept into the blades of a rotary weed and grass mower near his home Monday afternoon, August 8th. He died at 5:23 P.M. at the emergency room at St. Joseph Hospital, about 10 minutes after he was brought in. Death was due to massive abdominal injuries. The accident occurred at about 4:30 P.M. in an orchard on the property of Jacob C. Miller, 32 Geist Rd. while the victim was riding on a medium sized tractor being operated by his cousin, John Allgyer, 13, of 682 Hartman Station Rd. (see obit.)

18 year-old killed in Car - Buggy Accident

Albert, 18, son of Bishop Rufus and Sarah (Zehr) Kuepfer of R1 Newton, Ontario was killed on Saturday, August 20, 1977. Albert and his sisters Christena and Edna were on their way home from viewing the body of Mrs. Menno W. Kuepfer at about 10:30 P.M. and weren't too far from home when a drunken driver ran into them from behind. Albert was thrown into the windshield of the station wagon and died soon after. Christena has a fractured skull, and Edna was in a wheel chair for a day or two. The buggy was wrecked, but the horse only had three shoes torn off. (see obit.)

17 year old Youth Killed in Car Accident

Mervin Ray King, Moscow Rd., Parkesburg, was killed when his car ran off a rural road in eastern Lancaster Co., dropped down a 13 foot embankment and overturned on its roof at about 6 p.m. Friday, August 9, 1977. He was killed from multiple injuries when the car swerved off the south side of the road and went over a 13-foot drop. The car landed on its roof and he was pinned inside the wreckage for about 20 minutes. The crash site was less than 2 miles from his home.

(see obituary)

7 year-old Fatally Injured in Farm accident

Seven-year-old Kenneth Miller RR1, Millersburg, was fatally injured Friday, August 19, when he fell under a horse-drawn cultipacker at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Miller near Topeka. He was riding on the cultipacker when it hit a rock, jolting him off the implement. The cultipacker rolled unto his chest. His 14-year-old uncle was driving a team of horses pulling the cultipacker. (see obituary)

Mifflin Co., Pa., Tractor Accident

Stephen Swarey, Allensville, Pennsylvania, was the victim of a tractor accident Friday, August 26. He had the tractor lined up at the silage cutter. He cranked it to start it and it started with the first crank, but he had forgotten to put the tractor out of gear. The tractor ran forward against the silo, throwing Stephen to the ground, with the front wheel running on the upper part of his legs pinning him to the ground. They got a high lift from Weatover's Planing Mill to lift the tractor off. He had no broken bones, bu ligaments torn and bruised up a bit. He was taken to the Danvill Hospital by ambulance and stayed 4 days. He is still quite sore and has a cast on one leg. He gets around on crutches.

Lancaster Co., Pa., Accidents

Amos Fisher, 20, Strasburg R1, while playing volley ball, Sunday, August 7, tramped sideways and broke a small bone at the side of his foot. He gets around on crutches. He is a son of Christian L. and Sarah (Lapp) Fisher, Ronks R2.

Jonas S. Beiler employed at his son-in-law, Amos Stoltzfus fell down from a second story in the shop breaking two vertebras in the back just below his shoulder plate. He spent 12 days in Lancaster Hospital and is coming along fairly well, but probably has some long days at home yet. He also had some low blood pressure upon arriving in the hospital.

Reuben Lapp, Strasburg R1, fell about 15 feet from a top Scaffolding, fracturing his one wrist and hurting his nose and face some.

Amos N. Miller, Nottingham, was kicked by a cow while milking. He broke a small bone on top of his foot. He gets around on crutches. Their 8 weeks old baby was sent to Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital with Meningitis.

John Stoltzfus Jr., Bird-In-Hand, had a few painful days when he wanted to take the V-belt off of his Diesel and accidentally got his elbow against the starter button and got his four fingers between belt and pulley. The bone in one finger was out of joint and three other were badly bruised.

Three of Jonas K. and Sarah Kings children, near Leola, were hit in the back by a drunken driver, Saturday, August 6, on the way to a reunion near Hellers Church. Katie has a broken leg. Mattie had a broken collar bone and head injuries, and had to stay in the hospital nearly a week. Gideon had head injuries. All three are on the way to recovery.

BIRTHS

Dover, Delaware

Beachy, John E. (Barbara Miller) Dover R2, a dau. **Millie**, July 19
Hershberger, Atlee (Emma Hostetler) Dover R2, a dau. **Viola**, August 22
Miller, Henry H. (Lydia Hershberger) Hartly R1, a son **Albert**, August 13
Miller, William M. (Alta Byler) Hartley R1, a son **Crist**, August 26
Troyer, David S. (Lena Yoder) Dover R2, a son **William**, August 4

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Allgyer, Daniel (Ruth Zook) Delta R2, a daughter, **Elizabeth Ann**, August 30
Beiler, Enos L. (Sadie B. Zook) Leola, a dau. **Gertrude Z.**, Aug. 20
Beiler, Ira S. (Malinda Fisher) Paradise, a dau. **Rhoda**, August 17
Beiler, John L. (Anna S. Lapp) Strasburg R1, a son **Elmer**, Aug. 2
Esh, Benjamin B. (Barbara K. Esh) Christiana R2, a son **Enos S.** August 14
Esh, Jonas (Fannie Zook) Lancaster, a daughter **Esther**, Aug. 5
Esh, Joseph B. (Barbara F. Stoltzfus) Christiana R2, a son **Joseph B. Jr.**, August 12
Esh, Moses H. (Elizabeth S. Lapp) Paradise R1, a son **Amos**, August 16
Fisher, Eli (Mary King) Bird-In-Hand R1, a son **John K.**, Aug. 27
Fisher, Elmer S. (Naomi Beiler) Kinzers R1, a dau. **Lena Fern**, August 17
Fisher, John Z. (Mattie L. Zook) Kirkwood R1, a son **Jacob Z.** August 23
Fisher, Jonathan S. (Mattie S.Lapp) Kirkwood R1, a dau. **Mattie L** August 14
Fisher, Samuel S. (Rachel S. Smucker) Ronks R1, a dau. **Katie**, August 31
Glick, Alvin J. (Katie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a dau. **Miriam S.** August 4
Glick, David (Barbara Fisher) Kinzers R1, a son **David Lee**, Aug 14
Glick, Moses (Emma Zook) Willow St. R1, a daughter, August 5
King, Gideon J. (Sarah Ann King) Ronks R1, a son **Benuel K.**, August 1
King, Henry (Mima Zook) Christiana R1, a daughter, **Rebecca Z.**, July 16
King, Samuel F. (Fannie Beiler) Ronks R2, a son **Reuben**, Aug. 30
Lapp, Aaron (Lizzie Fisher) Christiana R1, a dau. **Sarah F.**, Aug21
Lapp, Amos E. (Rebecca Ebersol) Gordonville R1, a daughter **Ruth E.**, August 6
Lapp, Eli K. (Katie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son **David L.** Aug 7
Miller, Emanuel C. (Fannie Ebersol) Bird-In-Hand R1, a daughter **Mary**, June 18 (correction from June)
Miller, Joseph S. (Annie K. Lapp) Paradise R1, a son **Amos L.** August 5
Miller, Levi R. (Malinda Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a son **Henry**, Aug. 23
Peachey, Leon (Katie King) Ronks R2, a dau. **Mary Ann**, Aug. 18
Petersheim, Christ S. (Katie Beiler) Bird-In-Hand R1, a son **Christ S. Jr.**, August 22
Smucker, Amos B. (Lizzie Beiler) Quarryville R3, a son **Wilmer B.**, August 29
Stoltzfus, Abram (Mattie L. Beiler) Christiana R1, a dau. **Mattie L.** August 6
Stoltzfus, Abram (Sadie Stoltzfus) Ronks, a dau. **Sally Ann**, Aug28
Stoltzfus, Ben K. (Anna Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter **Rebecca Ann**, August 29
Stoltzfus, Benjamin (Katie Stoltzfoos) Quarryville R3, a daughter **Sadie S.**, August 9
Stoltzfus, Christ K. (Katie Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a dau. **Rosann**, born August 16, died August 20 (see obituary)
Stoltzfus, Daniel K. (Katie Fisher) Strasburg R1, a son **Elmer I.**, August 29
Stoltzfus, Daniel S. (Rebecca Fisher) Christiana R2, a son **Benjamin F.**, August 22
Stoltzfus, Isaac E. (Barbara K. Fisher) Nottingham R2, a son, August 30
Stoltzfus, Ivan L. (Rebecca B. Fisher) New Holland R3, a daughter **Lillian**, August 4
Stoltzfus, Jacob K. (Annie Fisher) Strasburg R1, a daughter **Emma**, August 7
Stoltzfus, Jeff (Linda King) Oxford R1, a dau. **Leah K.**, August 17
Stoltzfus, Jonathan (Amanda Lapp) Paradise R1, a son **Elam M.** August 28
Stoltzfus, Kore (Ruth Blank) Ronks R1, a dau. **Barbara**, August 25
Stoltzfus, Samuel (Malinda King) Kinzers R1, a son, August 29
Stoltzfus, Stevie (Arie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter **Susan Marie**, August 16
Zook, Isaac (Lydia Smoker) Gordonville R1, a son **Paul S.**, Aug. 15
Zook, Samuel S. (Barbara Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son **Jonas**, August 16
Zook, Stephen S. Jr. (Naomi Zook) New Holland R1, a daughter **Emma**, August 28

Montour Co., Pennsylvania,

Stoltzfus, John E. (Ada Miller) Bloomsburg R1, a son **Levi**, July 20
Stoltzfus, Sam U. Jr. (Sarah Fisher) Bloomsburg R1, a son **Amos**, August 21

Clinton Co., Pennsylvania

Fisher, (Susie Glick) Loganton R1, a son **Samuel**, August 17
Zook, Levi (Rebecca Yoder) Loganton R2, a daughter, August 27

Nittany Valley, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Stephen (Malinda Stoltzfus) Howard R2, a daughter **Ruth** August 30
Byler, Adam (Nancy) Howard R2, a son **Mark**, August 2

Juniata Co., Pennsylvania

Kanagy, Levi R. (Elizabeth Wengerd) Mifflintown R2, a son **Aaron** July 26
Troyer, Vernon A. (Rachel Peachey) McAlisterville R1, a dau. **Ruth**, July 17
Yoder, Floyd P. (Katie Renno) Mifflintown R2, a dau. **Sadie**, July 22

Path Valley, Pa.

Stoltzfus, John L. (Emma Petersheim) a son **Amos**, August 21

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania

Kanagy, David (Ella Peachey) Belleville, a dau. **Anna Mae**, Aug.28
Peachey, Crist (Katie Peachey) Belleville a dau. **Alta**, August 29
Peachey, Elias (Linda Kanagy) Belleville a dau. **Barbara**, Aug. 19
Swarey, Shem (Fannie Peachey) Allensville a son **David**, August26

Perry Co., Pennsylvania

Fisher, Elmer F. (Leah Beiler) Blain R1, a son **Elmer Jr.**, August 3

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Somerset Co., Pennsylvania

Kinsinger, Levi H. (Lydia Brenneman) Meyersdale, a dau. **Rachel**, August 14

Peachey, Bennie A. (Nancy Beachy) Meyersdale, a son **Albert**, August 3

Yoder, Simon E. (Sadie Zook) Garrett, a son **Menno**, August 2

Mercer Co., Pennsylvania

Byler, Eli E. A. (Lydia Byler) a son **Jacob**, August 22

Hochstetler, Neal (Ida Byler) a son, August 31

Mullet, Melvin (Mary Byler) a son **Benjamin**, August 17

Raber, Robert, (Esther Mullet) a son **Robert**, August

Geauga Co, Ohio

Bricker, Andy W. (Mary Ellen Leslein) a dau. **Elizabeth**, Aug. 23

Byler, Lester J. (Marianne Detweiler) a son, August 21

Byler, Lester W. (Mary Ellen Kuhns) a son **Paul**, August 26

Byler, Sam J. (Cora Detweiler) a son **James**

Gingerich, Lester J. (Mattie Miller) twin sons **Lester and Chester**, August 28

Kauffman, Melvin J. (Alma Byler) a son, August 12

Miller, Andy E. (Esther Miller) a daughter **Susan**, August 9

Miller, Daniel (Nancy Troyer) a daughter **Saloma Ruth**, July 26

Miller, David D. J. (Mabel Shrock) a daughter **Sadie**, August 6

Miller, Joe D. (Ada Detweiler) a daughter **Leah**, July 26

Miller, John J. (Esther Yoder) a son **Marty**, August 23

Miller, Mahlon M. (Lizzie Detweiler) a son, July 29

Miller, Martin M. (Barbara Mullet) a son **Allen**, July 27

Miller, Mose (Martha Byler) a daughter

Schmucker, Melvin E. (Malinda Hershberger) a son, August 20

Yoder, Albert A. (Mary ann Shrock) a daughter **Ruth**, August 19

Wayne Co., Ohio

Chupp, Nelson (Mary Mast) Apple Creek R2, a dau. **Clara**, August

Yoder, Abe J. (Fannie Chupp) Fredericksburg R2, a dau. **Amanda** August 11

Holmes Co., Ohio

,Robert C. (Ada Weaver) Millersburg, twin boys **Matthew and Mark**, July 23

Holmes Co., Ohio

Burkholder, Roy E. (Edna Hershberger) Millersburg R5, a son, August 12

Hershberger, Levi A. (Erma Yoder) Sugarcreek R1, a son **Edward** August 16

Hostetler, Albert J. (Lydia Beachy) Sugarcreek R2, a son **Jerry**, August 2

Mast, Mr. and Mrs. John A., Dundee R2, a son **Wesley**, July 18

Miller, Abe D. (Anna J. Yoder) Fredericksburg R1, a daughter **Amanda**, August 4

Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Andy J. S., Dundee R1, a dau. **Lydia**, August

Miller, Joseph D. (Katie Miller) Baltic R1, a son **Joseph Jr.**, July27

Mullet, John J. (Martha Garber) Sugar Creek R1, a dau.**Jolene**, August 8

Raber, Fred A. (Mary Burkholder) Baltic R1, a dau. **Rebecca**, August 16

Schlabach, Adin A. (Ella Raber) Sugar Creek, R2, a son **Adin**, August 20

Troyer, David L. (Amanda Weaver) Dundee, a dau. **Betty**, Aug.18

Troyer, Henry A. (Lizzie Miller) Fresno R2, a dau. **Susie**, July 27

Yoder, Aden J. (Amanda Raber) Fresno R3, a son, August 29

Yoder, Andy J. (Esther Troyer) Baltic R1, a dau. **Clara**, August 26

Yoder, Dan E. (Mary Coblentz) Millersburg R2, a son **Emanuel**, August 29

Yoder, Eli A. (Clara Mullet) Sugar Creek R2, twin sons **Merle and Marlin**, August 3

Yoder, Mr. & Mrs. Henry A., Millersburg R5, a daughter, Aug. 11

Yoder, Noah E. (Ella Yoder) Big Prairie R1, a dau. **Barbara**, Aug.5

Camden, Michigan

Delagrange, Jeromia (Mary Schwartz) Camden R2, a dau. **Mary**, August 25

Graber, Ernie (Mary Schwartz) Camden R2, a dau. **Mary**, Aug. 24

Centreville, Michigan

Bontrager, Pete L. (Alma Fern Yoder) Colon R1, a son **Christy Lee** July 19

Hostetler, Levi J. (Alta Bontrager) Centreville R1, a dau, July

Kauffman, Melvin R. (Martha L. Yoder) Colon R1, a daughter **Loretta Arlene**, July 18

Miller, Leroy (Elizabeth Bontrager) Centreville R1, a daughter **Anna Marie**, July 5

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Bontrager, Ernest (Martha Miller) LaGrange R2, a son **Mahlon Ray**, August 25

Bontrager, John M. (Esther Miller) LaGrange R2, a daughter **Elizabeth Mae**, August 11

Bontrager, Monroe (Mary Ellen Schrock) Millersburg R1, a son **Stevie M.**, July 30

Bontrager, Perry A. (Luella Yoder) LaGrange R4, a son **Orla A.**, August 20

Fry, Ervin (Barbara Frey) Topeka R2, a dau. **Velda Fern**, Aug. 22

Gingerich, Ben Jr. (Linda Chupp) Topeka R1, a son **Darian Allen**, August 11

Graber, Marvin (Ruby Petersheim) Topeka R2, a dau. **Carolyn Sue** August 11

Hochstedler, Lester (Clara Miller) Wolcottville R2, a son **Mervin L.**, August 1

Lambright, Alvin (Marcia Hochstedler) Topeka R2, a son **Dennis Lee**, August 2

Lambright, Freeman (Ada Troyer) Topeka R2, a son **Jason**, Aug 1

Lehman, Ernest (Linda Jones) LaGrange R4, a dau. **Rachel Ann**, August 22

Lehman, John (Katie Mast) LaGrange R4, a son **Mervin Dean**, August 26

Miller, Albert (Carolyn S. Miller) Middlebury R1, a son **Steven Ray**, August 12

Miller, Amos (Ida Anna Hochstedler) Topeka R2, a dau. **Esther A.** August 7

Miller, David (Esther Yoder) Topeka R1, a son **Myron Lee**, Aug. 1

Miller, Ezra (Mary Schrock) LaGrange R1, a son **Reuben E.**, Jul 26

Miller, Freeman (Lee Anna Nisley) Topeka R1, a dau. **Suetta**, Au 6

Miller, LeRoy (Irene Hochstedler) Shipshewana R1, a son **Richard Lee**, August 6

Miller, Orville (Nettie Miller) Shipshewana R1, a dau. **Marla Sue**, August 16

Miller, Raymond (Christina Frey) Middlebury, a son **Nelson Eugene**, August 10

Miller, Samuel E. (Orpha Miller) Ligonier R1, twin sons **Ernest Ray and Elmer Jay**, August 1

Yoder, Daniel Jay (Inez Yoder) LaGrange R1, a son **LaMar Jay**, August 16

Yoder, Elmer (Joanna Gingerich) Topeka R1, a son **Dennis Lynn**, August 23

Yoder, Melvin Lee (Elsie Miller) LaGrange R4, a dau. **Miriam M.**, August 14

Yoder, Ora J. (Wilma Bontrager) Shipshewana R1, a daughter **Mattie O.**, August 18

Yoder, Wilbur (Amanda Raber) LaGrange R1, a son **Glen Jay**, Au7

Steuben Co., Indiana

Wagler, Menno (Barbara N. Schwartz) Hamilton, a son **Jacob**, August 7

Allen Co., Indiana

Graber, John (Josephine Graber) a daughter **Rebecca**, August 28

Lengacher, Amos (Barbara Ann Schmucker) a son **Amos Jr.**, Au10

Lengacher, Jacob (Emma Troyer) a daughter **Rebecca**, August 19

Schmucker, David (Anna Zehr) a son **James**, August 23

Zehr, Jonas (Rosa Schwartz) a son **Mervin Leroy**, August 16

Elkhart Co., Indiana

Bontrager, Orva (Katie Schrock) Middlebury a son **Dewayne**, July 30

Bontrager, Oren Lee (Ida Anna Miller) Middlebury, a son **Kevin Lynn**, August 25

Coblentz, John (Wilma Bontrager) Middlebury, a dau. **Rebecca**, August 15

Miller, Glen J. (Orpha Stutzman) Goshen, a son **Lynn Jay**, Aug. 10

Yoder, Floyd F. (Laura Ellen Miller) Middlebury a daughter **Norma Jean**, August 9

Yoder, Mervin (Loretta Miller) Middlebury R3, a dau. **Kristine**, August 9

Yoder, Mervin (Ruby Bontrager) Shipshewana R1, a son **Richard Devon**, August 25

Arthur, Illinois

Herschberger, Edwin (Katie Hostetler) a dau. **Sharon Kay**, Aug 20

Jess, Elva (Viola Gingerich) a son **Wilbur Eugene**, July 24

Kaufman, Joe (Edna Miller) a daughter **Barbara**, August 14

Miller, Atlee S. (Ella Yoder) a son, August 20

Miller, Gary Dale, (Verna Mast) a son **Dwayne Ray**, August 10

Miller, Menno A. (Barbara Plank) a son, August 10

Miller, Raymond (Carolyn Miller) a daughter **Deanna**, August 6

Plank, Willis (Viola Jess) a daughter **Katie**, August 23

Stutzman, Willard (Ruth Ann Herschberger) a dau. **Tillie Ann**, August 19

Yoder, Adlia (Ella Yoder) a son, August 20

Yoder, Elva (Betty Miller) a daughter **Rebecca**, August 23

Ethridge, Tennesee

Hostetler, Eli J. (Lydia E. Gingerich) a son **Jacob**, August 21

Hostetler, Noah J. (Lizzie J. Zook) a daughter **Salome**, August 24

Anabel, Missouri

Borntreger, Neal N. (Lydia Hochstetler) a dau. **Dora**, August 28

Jamesport, Missouri

Beechy, Delbert L. (Susan Troyer) a son **William**, August 1

Beechy, Henry L. (Laura Miller a daughter **Rachel**, August 11

Detweiler, Toby T. (Amanda Troyer) a son **Crist**, August 11

Gingerich, Wilmer M. (Linda Hostetler) a son **William Lee**, Aug 28

Mast, Jake J. (Katie Ann Gingerich) a son **Lavern**, August 9

Miller, Wyman L. (Barbara Swartz) a daughter **Susan**, August 21

Audrian Co., Missouri

Gingerich, Jonas C. (Anna Yoder) Madison, a dau. **Katie**, August 5

Hochstetler, Mahlon (Barbara Shetler) Clark, a son **Bennie**, Aug 16

Lambright, Harvey (Rhoda Yoder) Clark, a son **Andy**, August 16

Mast, William (Esther Miller) Clark, a daughter **Miriam**, Aug. 11

Miller, Levi T. (Lizzie Burkholder) Clark, a daughter **Mary**, July

Miller, John Henry (Mary Bontrager) Clark, a son **William**, July 29

Petersheim, Eli J. E. (Mary Borntreger) Clark a son **John**, Aug. 8

Wagler, Lavern (Esther Gingerich) Clark, a son **Allen**, August 22

Reno Co. Haven] Kansas

Petersheim, Samuel T. (Mary Lou Yoder) Haven R2, a daughter **Lisa Lynn**, August 19

Buchanan Co., Iowa

Gingerich, Ed E. (Emma Helmuth) Hazleton, a son **Rudy**, July 28

Helmuth, Eli J. (Mary Mast) Fairbank, a son **William**, August 9

Kauffman, Eli A. (Loretta Detweiler) Hazleton, a dau. **Mattie**, July 30

Raber, Abe E. (Katie Helmuth) Hazleton, a son **Roman**, August 11

Yoder, Henry L. (Ruby Gingerich) Hazleton, a dau. **Miriam**, Jul 29

Yoder, Sam J. (Irene Plank) Fairbank, a dau. **Irene**, July 23

Yutzy, John (Katie Hershberger) Independence, a son **Andy**, August 14

Blair, Wisconsin

Miller, William J. (Elsie Mast) a daughter **Ida Irene**, August 24

Wilton, Wisconsin

Yoder, Amos (Rebecca Borntreger) Wilton R1, a dau. **Esther**, Au 5

Canton, Minnesota

Gingerich, Dan G. (Susan Gingerich) a son **Reuben**, August 9

Aylmer, Ontario

Luthy, David (Mary Stoll) a daughter **Elizabeth**, July 22

Yoder, Albert (Mary Bender) a son **Norman**, August 6

Milverton, Ontario

Albrecht, Chris (Ruth Jantzi) a daughter **Judith**, August 3

Albrecht, Reuben (Ruth Kuepfer) a son **Neil**, August 18

Kuepfer, Jacob (Martha Jantzi) a daughter **Catherine**, uly 30

Striecher, Ezra (Barbara Zehr) a daughter **Mary**, August 12

Grey Co., Ontario

Hershberger, Enos J. (Anna Yoder) a son **Jacob**, **August** 5

MARRIAGES

Geauga Co., Ohio

Miller, Miller - Daniel, son of Lester A. and Mary Miller, to Mary, daughter of Eli J. and Clara Miller, August 30, by Bishop Jacob U. Gingerich

Allen Co., Indiana

Lengacher, Schwartz - Ben, son of Ezra and Lizzie (Wagler) Lengacher, to Lydiann, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Graber Schwartz, August 25, by Bishop Victor Graber

Reno Co. [Haven] Kansas

Miller, Knepp - Eli A. son of Andy Miller, Utica, Ohio, to Ellen, daughter of David E. and Anna Mae (Schrock) Knepp, August 16, by Bishop David E. Schrock, Haven.

Johnson Co., Iowa

Yoder, Graber - Alvin M., son of Minister and Mrs. Menno Yoder, to Esther Graber, Marshfield, Missouri, July 28, by Bishop Pete Yoder.

Aylmer, Ontario

Miller, Eicher - Monroe, son of Dan and Anna (Mast) Miller, to Magdalena, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher, Aug. 30.

Marriages of 50 years and over of Haven (Reno Co.) Kansas

Marriage dates	
Mar. 13, 1913 -	Preacher David K. and Mary (Bontrager) Bontrager, Haven R2, Kansas
Nov. 20, 1922 -	Samuel S. and Lydia (Schrock) Shcrock, Haven R2, Kansas
Feb. 26, 1925 -	Sam D. and Katie (Yoder) Plank Yoder, Kansas
Dec. 22, 1927	Togias R. and Anna (Bontrager) Schrock, Hutchinson R2, Kansas

COMMUNITY NOTE - Wilton, Wisconsin

David Borntreger 10, got kicked by a horse while getting the horses in. He was trying to lead a colt, and the mare kicked him and broke the upper part of his leg. He is in a LaCrosse hospital in traction. He will be there a little over 2 weeks and then put in a cast before going home.

COMMUNITY NOTE - Ethridge, Tennesee

The infant son of Eli J. Hostetlers, born August 21, was rushed to Murry Co. Hospital, Columbia, Tennesee, soon after birth. He had some breathing problem and then Pneumonia set in. He was in the hospital for 5 or 6 days, but is now home and doing fine.

COMMUNITY - Arthur, Illinois

The Mid-west Teachers Meeting was very well attended, with quite a few ministers and teachers, also some of the Diary staff coming. Their presence was very much appreciated. We also had several Ministers staying for church the 14th.

OBITUARIES

BEILER, Daniel L., 73, Ronks R1, Pa.

died at the home of his brother Mose, Tuesday, August 9. He was a son of the late Jacob Y. and Fannie Lapp Beiler. He was never married, and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. Surviving are the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Sarah Flaud, and Mrs. Fannie Flaud both of Bird-In-Hand, Elizabeth, wife of John Kinsinger, Meyersdale, Somerset Co.; Katie, wife of Noah N. Eicher, Montgomery, Michigan; Mose L., Ronks; John M., Kinzers; Amos L., Paradise.

Funeral services were held at the home of his brother Mose, by Amos Smucker and John K. Lapp, leid by Deacon Jacob Lapp. Burial in Beilers cemetery, Ronks, leid read by Deacon John Beiler, abshied by Amos Beiler, pall bearers were 4 nephews, Elmer S. Beiler, Jonathan H. Beiler, Ira Beiler, and Paul Kinsinger.

FRY, Noah, 82, R R1, Topeka, Indiana

died Monday, August 22 in the LaGrange County Hodpital following an extended illness. He was born in Haven, Kansas, November 3, 1894, the son of Joe D. and Barbara (Hostetler) Fry. He was married in Haven, Kansas, June 3, 1917, to Mary J. (Bontrager). He is survived by his wife and 3 sons, Joe of LaGrange, Ezra of Topeka and Jake of White Pigeon, Michigan; a daughter, Mrs. Andy (Sarah) Miller of Macon, Miss., and a sister, Mrs. Mattie Gingerich of Hutchinson, Kansas.

GLICK, John L., 8, of 2469 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, Pa.

was killed in a farm accident Monday afternoon, August 8 (see front page). He was a son of Leroy and Suvilla (Beiler) Glick. Surviving with the parents are 2 sisters, the maternal grandparents, John N. and Suvilla (Blank) Beiler of Kinzers R1, and the paternal grandparents, John E. and Sadie (Zook) Glick of Gap R1.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 10, at 11:00 A.M. at the home of Jesse Stoltzfus, Quarry Rd. Leola. Burial was in Upper Millcreek Cemetery.

HERSHBERGER, Levi E., 67, Buchanan Co., Iowa

died July 30. He was born May 4, 1910, to Eli E. and Katie (Miller) Hershberger, and was married to Lydiann Miller January 18, 1934, and was married for 43 years, 6 mo. & 12 days. Surviving with his wife are 2 sons and 3 daughters: Mervin married to Sara W. Miller, Pulaski, Iowa; Willaim, married to Elizabeth Yutzy, Muscoda, Wisconsin; Viola married to Cornealius Lambright, Hazleton, Iowa; Mary married to Perry Stutzman, Wilton, Wisconsin; and Emma, married to Roman Raber, Fairbank; also 34 grandchildren, 7 step grandchildren, 1 step great grandchild, and 3 brothers and 3 sisters: Mary, married to Enos Eash, Goshen, Indiana; Menno, Middlebury, Indiana; Susie, married to John B. Miller, Middlebury, Indiana; Ezra, Goshen, Indiana; Polly, married to William I. Yoder, Goshen, Indiana; Amos, Burr Oak, Michigan; preceeding him in death were his parents, 2 grandchildren, 1 brother, and 1 sister.

KING, Mervin Ray, 17, Parkesburg R2, Pa.

was killed in a car accident (see front page). He is the son of Christ K. and Susis (Stoltzfus) King. Surviving with his parents are 2 brothers and 2 sisters: David, Ivan, Verna and Hannah, all at home; his paternal grandmother Mrs. Lydia K. King, R2, Parkesburg and his maternal step-great grandmother Mrs. Barbara King, Gordonville. His twin brother Marvin Roy preceeded him in death who died when he was 5 days old.

Funeral services were held at the Christ K. King home on Monday, sermons by Junie Stoltzfus and Noah Shlabach of Holmes Co., Ohio, lied read by Deacon Jonathan Lantz, graveside services by Christ Glick and Jacob Zook. Burial at Millwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were his cousins: Ben Stoltzfus, Alvin Fisher, Sam Esh, and Elam King.

KUEPFER, Albert, 18, Newton R1, Ontario

was killed on Saturday, April 20 in a car-buggy accident (see front page). Albert was born in July 1959, and was joining church he would have been baptized in a few weeks. He is survived by his parents: Bishop Rufus and Sarah (Zehr) Kuepfer; and 3 brothers and 3 sisters: Lavern, William, Adam, Christena, Edna, and Mary Jane all at home, and his grandmother, Mrs. Drucilla Kuepfer.

Funeral services were held at the home of his parents on August 24, 1977. Burial was in Amish Cemetery, Mornington Twp.

LENGACHER, Mary (Delegrange), 74, Grabill, Indiana

died of a stroke in Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, August 4. Her husband preceeded her in death several years. Surviving are 3 sons and 4 daughters: Jacob at home; Henry and Victor of Grabill; Mrs. Harvey (Emma) Wagler, Mrs. John (Maggie) Graber, Mrs. Fred (Rosa) Wittmer, and Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Schmucker.

Services were held in the house by Preacher Noah Graber and in the shed by Bishop Sam C. Graber. Burial was in Amish Cemetery.

MILLER, Atlee D., 6 weeks, RR1, Topeka, Indiana

died Monday, August 15 at his home. He was the son of Daniel A. and Ida (Bontrager) Miller. He was born July 1,1977 in the LaGrange County Hospital. Surviving with the parents are four brothers, Orla of Berlin, Ohio and Herman, Harley and Joe, all at home; four sisters, Pollyanna, Ruby, Esther, and Inez, all at home; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Bontrager of RR2, Topeka and Mrs. Atlee (Anna) Miller of RR1, Topeka.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the family home with Albert Yoder officiating. Burial was in the Hawpatch Cemetery.

MILLER, Kenneth A., 7, RR1, Millersburg, Indiana

was killed (see front page) Friday morning, August 19, in a farm accident at the home of his grandparents. He is the son of Alvin N. and Alice Miller. He was born in LaGrange, April 25, 1970. Surviving with his parents are four sisters, Dorene, Mary, Wilma and Ellen, and four brothers, David, Melvin, Marion and Norman, all at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Miller of RR2, Topeka, and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bontrager of Millersburg, and his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beachy of Topeka and Mrs. Lydia Bontrager of Millersburg.

Funeral services were held Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Melvin Mullet home with Bishop Amos U. Miller and Harry Miller officiating. Burial was in the Hawpatch Cemetery near Topeka.

OTTO, Susan, 84, of Arthur, Illinois

died at 7:10 P.M. Wednesday, August 24, at the age of 84 years, 7 mo., and 8 days. She was born Jan. 16, 1893, and was a daughter of Gideon and Elizabeth (Helmuth) Kaufman, and was married Oct 16, 1919, to Daniel E. Otto, who died Jan. 13, 1971. They lived in matrimony 51 years, 2 mo., and 27 days. She lived as a widow 6 years, 9 mo., and 11 days. To this union were born 6 sons and 2 daughters. Surviving are 6 sons, 1 daughter, 1 sister, 1 brother, 31 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. One daughter, one brother, 2 sisters, and one great-grandchild preceded her in death.

The funeral was held at the home Saturday, August 27.

SCHROCK, Mrs. Edna Schrock, 74, Johnson Co., Iowa

died August 25, 1977, age 74 years, 4 mo., 26 days, she was born in Reno Co., Kansas on March 31, 1903, and was married to Dave Schrock, to this union were born 10 children, all married, at the time of her death she was living with her daughter, the Roman I. Yoders of Maryland. The body was brought here to Kalona, to be buried beside her husband, who died here over 4 years ago. He died while they were living in Pinecraft, Florida. The family is somewhat scattered around with Willie and Mrs. Joe Coblentz living in the Kalona area, and Preacher Perry Schrock residing at Huntington, Tennesee, and Andy of Dover, Delaware.

The funeral was held on August 29 at the Tobias Miller home by Jonas E. Helmuth of Hazleton, Iowa and Monroe Yoder of Holmes Co., Ohio, closing by Bishop Jonas Beachy of Johnson Co., pall bearers were: Joe M. Miller, Linus Gingerich, John E. Yoder, and Glen Beachy.

STOLTZFUS, Rosann, 4 days, S. Groffdale Rd., Leola R1
died at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital Saturday at 9:45 P.M. She was born in Upper Leacock Twp., the daughter of Christ K. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus. She is survived with her parents by 2 brothers and 2 sisters: Linda, Samuel, Rachel, and Jonas, all at home. Also surviving are maternal grandparents, Jonas and Malinda Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1; paternal grandparents, John L. and Rachel Stoltzfus, Leola R1; maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, and paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac King, Bird-In-Hand R1.

SUMMY, Benjamin, 95, Myersdale, Pa.
died Tuesday noon, August 23, 1977, at the home of his niece, the Menno J. Yoders. He had been ailing for several years but wasn't bedfast till the last several days. He was well known for his tiling. He had no children, but is survived by 6 nieces and 4 nephews.

Funeral services were held at Summit Mills Church by Amos Yoder and Bishop Dan G. Yoder, both of Holmes Co., on Friday, August 26, 1977.

SWAREY, Enos B., 4 month, Gap R1, Pa.
died at Hershey Medical Center, Wednesday at 3:35 a.m. He was in the hospital with heart defects ever since he was 2½ weeks old except for a week and a half. He had a narrowing fixed at 4 weeks old, and a hole closed at 3½ months. He was born in Salsbury Twp., and is survived by sisters Fannie B. and Ella B., both at home, and by his parents. Also surviving are maternal grandparents Moses and Fannie Blank, Gap; paternal grandparents Enos and Ella Swarey, Ontario, Canada, and step-great-grandmother Mrs. Lena Swarey, Allensville.

Funeral services were held at the home at 12:00, at the house by Jacob Stoltzfoos, hymm was read by Jacob B. Stoltzfus, at the shed by Amos Zook and Henry Fisher, hymn by John K. Stoltzfus, at the graveyard hymn by Elam Stoltzfus, abshied by Isaac Blank. Burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

TROYER, Miriam, 2, Bronson R4, Michigan
died Sunday, August 29 on the way to the Sturgis Hospital, cause of death is uncertain because of short duration of illness. Her parents are Alvin and Alma (Bontrager) Troyer of Bronson, Michigan.

ZOOK, Sevilla, 78, Myersdale, Pa.
died Wednesday morning, August 24, at the home of her son, Amos S. Zook. She had been failing in health for several years, but apparently died of Pneumonia. She is survived by 3 daughters, 2 sons, and a number of grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Her children are: Amos and Andy, both of Meyersdale; Annie and Fannie at home and Mrs. Samuel (Amanda) Bender, Springs, Pa.

Funeral services were held at the Summit Mills Church on Saturday a.m., by Noah J. Yoder and Ray S. Kinsinger

Midwest Teacher's Meeting, Arcola, Illinois

The Midwest Teacher's Meeting held at the home of Ervin J. Yoders R2, Arcola, Illinois was well attended: 95 teachers from 7 states and Canada, around 450 people (including teachers) from various states attended each day. The first forenoon was spent getting acquainted. After lunch the meeting was opened with a prayer the various ministers and teachers gave talks on topics concerning schools and how we can improve them. After supper a singing was held at the same place attended by approximately 400 people. The following forenoon the teachers went to different schools while church was held at the Yoder residence. After dinner the question box was opened and answered by teachers, ministers and board members, making an interesting discussion for several hours. The meeting was closed by prayer followed with several parting songs by the teachers.

COMMUNITY NOTE - Holmes Co., Ohio
Susan, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Miller of Dundee R1, broke her arm at school on August 30, the second day of school.

BAPTISMS

Dover, Delaware
Southwest district, August 21,
By Bishop John J. Yoder
Benjamin, son of Elmer M. and Mattie Coblentz
Paul, son of Andy J. D. and Lydia Miller
William, son of Freeman and Anna Mary Coblentz
Katie, daughter of Deacon Jacob N. and Amanda Mast
Marie, daughter of Atlee J. and Lucy Coblentz
Edna, daughter of Andy J. D. and Lydia Miller
North district, August 21
by Bishop Dan A. Yoder
Joe, son of Reuben A. and Emma Byler
Owen, son of Deacon Harvey D. and Lydia Byler
Anna Mae, daughter of Henry Y. and Miriam Mast
Dora, daughter of Benedict D. and Sovilla Miller
Mary, daughter of Preacher Leroy J. and Mary Yoder
East district, August 14
by Bishop John J. Yoder
Reuben, son of Preacher Neil N. and Emma Hershberger
Herman, son of Preacher Elmer J. and Mary Yoder
Dorothy, daughter of John H. and Esther Miller
Malinda, daughter of Bishop John J. and Lovina Yoder
Martha, daughter of Lewis S. and Anna Swartzentruber

Mifflin Co., PA.
Upper Middle District, August 28
by Bishop Daniel M. Peachey
Menno, son of Eli and Mary (Zook) Wengerd
Rudy, son of Aaron and Barbara (Zook) Peachey
Noah, son of Preacher Daniel and Fannie (Yoder) Peachey
Mattie, daughter of Eli and Mary (Zook) Wengerd
Gertie, daughter of the late Levi and Mollie (Yoder) Peachey
Mary, daughter of Ezra and Mary (Yoder) Swarey
Salina, daughter of Preacher Daniel and Fannie (Yoder) Peachey
Lower District, August 28
by Bishop Emanuel K. Peachey
Kore, son of Daniel and Leah (Peachey) Hostetler
Jesse, son of John and Lydia (Peachey) Peachey
Nannie, daughter of Andrew and Annie (Yoder) Byler
Rachel, daughter of John and Lydia (Peachey) Peachey
Mary, daughter of Urie and Nancy (Kanagy) Swarey
Lizzie, daughter of Noah and Katie (Peachey) Yoder
Gertie, daughter of Preacher John and Lizzie (Peachey) Peight

Somerset Co., Pa.
Lower District, by Bishop Albert E. Brenneman
Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wengerd
David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Zook
Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brenneman
Mary Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Summy
Middle District, by Bishop Albert E. Brenneman
Joseph S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Brenneman
Clara W., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Yoder

Conneautville, Pa.
by Bishop Menno E. Fisher

Conneautville, Pa.
August 14, by Bishop Menno E. Fisher
Benjamin, son of John and Anna Raber

Holmes Co., Ohio
Barrs Mills District, August 21
by Bishop Jonas N. Borntrager
Jonas, son of Ben H. and Anna (Yoder) Miller
Vera, daughter of Raymond A. and Emma (Miller) Garber
Alma, daughter of Menno H. and Mattie (Hershberger) Erb
Malinda, daughter of Abe A. and Lovina (Miller) Miller
Erma, daughter of Dan J. and Mattie (Mast) Miller

Clark District, by Bishop Eli A. Yoder
Aden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Troyer
Eli, son of Preacher and Mrs. Crist J. C. Yoder
Esther, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Sam M. Miller
Sadie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi M. Miller
Fannie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Hershberger

Arthur, Illinois
August 21, Henry Miller District
Carolyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Chupp
Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kemp
, daughter of Nelson Yoder
August 25, Dan Miller District
Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben N. Schrock
Doris Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Schlabaugh

Johnson Co., Iowa
August 14, by Bishop Elmer T. Miller
Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Miller
Lu Ella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ropp
Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Miller

Amherst, Wisconsin
By Bishop Reuben Bontrager
Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Yoder
Barbara Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Borntrager
Frieda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Schmucker

COMMUNITY NOTE - Clark, Missouri

Jake, 5 year old son of Jonas and Rachel Miller broke his leg August the 8th when he jumped from a picket fence and his pant leg caught on top and broke his right leg.

COMMUNITY NOTE - Audrian Co., Missouri

Chrissie Gingerich Jr. age 14 was thrown from the horse he was riding in the fore part of August. He was unconscious for a short time, and his leg was injured, so that he was admitted to the hospital for skin grafting. Later infection set in so that he was again admitted, which required more grafting. He had quite a bit of pain.

COMMUNITY NOTE - Haven (Reno Co.) Kansas

On Wednesday, August 10, Atlee Keim and 2 sons LaVern 16 and Larry 11, were on a single top buggy on the way to the horse sale at Hutchinson Kansas. A truck hit them from behind, demolishing the buggy beyond repair. The horse was hurt and had to be killed. LaVern was in the hospital overnight with broken ribs. The others were treated and released that day at the hospital.

COMMUNITY NOTE - Path Valley, Pa.

David A. Hostetler has not been well the last few weeks. He has hardening of the arteries and had several light strokes which left him unable to think clearly at times and he speaks very little. He is improving slowly and is glad for company and mail. Lets help cheer him up. His address is: Dry Run, Pennsylvania 17220

Missouri Boy Breaks Arm

David, age 12, son of Eli J. Bontrager of Anabel, broke his left arm on the eve of August 25. He was going after the cows on a horse and fell off while going around a corner. He broke it just above the wrist, and has to have a cast on for 6 or more weeks.

MIGRATIONS

Raymond A. Mast's moved from Gorrie, Ontario, to Dover, Delaware, August 25.

John J. Hershberger's moved from Gorrie, Ontario, to Dover, Delaware, August 25.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Last Q. 6th	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	New M. 14th	First Q. 22nd	Full M. 28th

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

August brought us some pleasant relief from July's heat, but the last week was hot and muggy again, with temperatures over 90 degrees. We had some relief from the drought with several good rains totaling 4.9 inches for the month. Pasture has come back very well and 4th cutting alfalfa is better again.

Silo filling is in process as the crop ripens, corn is being cut and put on shock. This year the modern farmer that plants corn so very thick is suffering greatly due to the lack of rain, some to the extent that the crop is a failure.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

August was mostly warm and dry with several days in the mid 90's the second week. The last week several mornings were cool in the 50's. About 2.5 inches of rain fell with half of it the 24th, but the ground soon dried out again. Early corn made good ears but late corn is lacking considerably. Silos were mostly filled in August this year. Hay was short after the first cutting. Corn is ready to husk at places. The schools opened the 29th.

Lancaster Co., Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for Barevile area was 4.9 inches.

Market Report: Corn dropped to $1.75 a bu. Other farm markets are steady with last month.

By Christian L. Fisher

August started out cloudy with a thunder storm and 8/10 inch of rain. The 2nd it was sunny and rained ½inch. The 3rd and 4th it was warm and humid. The 5th we had a thunder storm with .3 inch of rain. The 6th was warm with a thunder storm and a shower, it was breezy on the 7th and had showers on the 8th in the evening. The 10th we had a thunder shower with .9 inch rain. The 11th to the 17th it was warm with some rain, and on the 18th it cleared off. The rest of the month it was cool and then warmer with some rain.

Tobacco cutting is well under way. Silo filling also started. Most of the corn is still very green. Alfalfa is growing real fast, and some fourth cutting is started.

Lebanon Co., Pa., by Levi S. King

Our total rainfall for July amounted to 4 inches. This came in small showers throughout the month, making hay drying a little tricky. Top soil seems to have moisture enough to keep things growing, but the subsoil moisture is low, as are also springs and creeks. We had some warm weather, but not as much as usual for the month.

The price of ear corn has come down quite a bit so that farmers are only getting for one ton what some paid for one bag of seed corn(single crosses).

Centre Co., Nittany Valley, Pa., by Henry M. Glick

The first days in August were very nice with typical weather. The 5th we had .7 inch rain. We had 1.2 inches more on the 6th and 7th. We also had some thunder with warm and high humid weather. On the 10th we had 1.5 inch rain and again on the 14th and 16th - 1.3 total. The weather cooled off a good bit the rest of the week, with temperature down to 44 degrees the 25th and 42 degrees the 26th. Total rainfall was 5 inches. The low temperature was 42 degrees and the high was 107.

The last week in August was very warm. 3rd crop hay is being made and is a good crop. The corn is about ready for the silo and is an excellent crop.

Centre Co., Brush Valley, Pa., by David B. Stoltzfus

The first two weeks of August were like July, wet and warm. Some oats and even a little bit of wheat were threshed during the first week while some of the oats were out till the 3rd week. Grain and straw yields were lower than average due to the dry spring. The 4th week was somewhat cooler—down to 40 degrees in the mornings which made for slow hay drying weather. During the last 1½ weeks, farmers were busy with haymaking which yields almost like first and second cutting, or with tomato picking the first time over, which also was a good crop. The last 4 days we have been having very warm and humid weather again, but without the usual thundershowers like earlier in the summer. Rainfall was 5 inches, and came mostly in the beginning of the month.

Snyder Co., Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

We had about three inches of rain, and it was spread out nicely so that we didn't have any very dry spells.

It has been very humid much of the time with short spells of cooler weather. Once the temperature went down to 47 degrees in the morning, and several degrees cooler in the low places. Most of the corn is dented now and would be ready to cut for fodder.

Juniata Co., Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather here during August was cool and dry with hardly 2 weeks of rain all month. Rains came often, but very light in spots. Some places had more. Temperatures dropped to the low 40's in the mornings sometimes. The last week in August brought a heat wave and temperatures soared over the 100 degree mark in the afternoons.

In July we had lots of rains and some violent thunderstorms that uprooted big trees and tore roofs off of some barns in our area, taking off the rafters and scattering them out across the field.

Second crop clover hay was very good and made more than the first cutting did. The corn is very tall and deep green.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

The first of August was cool with a low of 38 degrees. The last few weeks have been warm and humid. We have not had a good soaking rain all summer, just enough showers to keep things growing nicely. The creek has been low all summer.

The oat threshing was finished this month. With low to good yields reported. The corn looks to be a good crop. Silo filling will start in a week or two.

Lycoming Co., Pa., by John K. Fisher

During August we had the most rain that we had all summer, with a few thunderstorms and light showers. On the 29th it was very windy and rained 1.3 inch in less than a half hour's time. The total rainfall during the month of August was 4.8 inches.

Cucumbers, tomatoes and lima beans are plentiful, which is good at this time of the year. Watermelons are ripe and cantaloupe are nearly ripe also. Most of the last hay is in the barns, and corn looks good due to earlier dry weather.

Elkhart Co., Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

The first half of August was so rainy that it was hard to finish threshing oats and put up hay. The last half was nicer with a few showers. Women are busy canning corn, tomatoes, peaches and pears and doing last minute school sewing.

Mifflin Co., Pa., by Catherine M. Swarey

August was more warm and dry than July. Around the middle of August the nights were cooler. The lowest temperature was 44 degrees, and the highest in the 90's. The last week was warmer again. Total rainfall was 2.6 inches. A lot of harvesting was done during August, corn, tomatoes and cantaloupes. Actually almost everything was very plentiful. Fall plowing is being done. Silo filling is starting. Amish schools opened August 29.

Clinton Co., Pa., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

August continued to be dry. We had 3½ inches of rain, and a lot of cloudy days with light showers at times. The last rain we had was an inch on the 17th. We had a week of cool weather after that, with temperatures going down to 40 degrees some mornings. But it is warm again for almost a week now. The first picking of tomatoes was above average, bringing more than the usual amount of baskets. Gardens are in need of rain. Some corn is being put in silos.

Somerset Co., Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

Weather has been variable. We had 5.1 inch of rain for August. Temperature was about normal with a low of 40 and a high of around 90. The humidity was quite high the last few days. Oats thrashing is past, garden things are yielding well, schools are in session, and soon will be filling silo.

Mercer Co., Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

There were only about 6 clear days in August. About 6 inches of rain fell and there were a lot of mostly cloudy and humid days. It was very good growing weather. We had a cool spell around the 25th of 40 degrees, and a little lower in low places. Second cutting hay is good but a little hard to get dry. Oats thrashing is a little slow, but we're nearly done now with a fairly good yield. Corn looks very good.

Crawford Co., Pa., by Mrs. Menno Fisher

August was much like July, very wet, warm and humid. We did have several nice days the first week and also a cool spell the middle of the month, otherwise we had rain at least every other day, about 12 inches total.

Very little hay was put up. Some second crop is not even cut, some oats are threshed with a good yield, but a lot is in shcoks yet. And some not yet cut. The fields are too wet. Corn looks promising and most of the early corn is dented. Sweet corn was plentiful.

Geauga Co., Ohio, by Mrs. Eli Wengerd

The first few days were sunny and very warm. We had a heavy thundershower on the 8th, with scattered showers all through August averaging around 7.5 inches. Second cutting hay is in and silo filling is in full swing.

Wayne Co., Ohio, by Mrs. Mary Yoder

The month of August was very warm and wet. The week of the 8th it rained everyday. Some are plowing and others have their oats out yet. Tomatoes and lima beans are on the canning menu now. We had 6.4 inches of rain in August.

Holmes Co., Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

We had about 3½ inches of scattered rain this month which made for wonderful growing weather. Corn is starting to dent and looks like a good crop. The second cutting hay was better than the first. Lots of plowing is being done. Musk melons are plentiful and good. Potatoes are doing very well.

Eastern Holmes Co., Ohio, by Raymond S. Weaver

August brought us abundant rain. Temperatures were mostly on the warm side with some cool nights. Third cutting alfalfa is a good crop, and was cut this last week. Corn crop looks very promising. The farmers are plowing for wheat.

South Eastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

We had continued wet and growing weather for the latter half of August, with a total of 5 inches of rain. Second crop hay was a good crop and some third cutting is also being made. Early planted corn is starting to change color. Very few silos are filled yet. The plowing for wheat is about done. Hogs and pigs are still a good price.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

For August the rains seemed to be tapering off a bit. We had only 3.2 inches for the month, but had no measurable rain since August 21. The early planted corn is drying nicely. We have plenty of pasture and plenty of garden vegetables. There will also be some apples.

Hog markets are hanging between 45 and 50 cents per pound. There is a strong demand for feeder pigs.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

We had 7 inches of rain in July and 5 in August. It was well distributed. Wheat yields were above average and oats below average. Corn looks very promising. The hay crop was good, but a problem at times, to get it dryed.

Hog prices were much higher in August than predicted, in the upper forties. Pigs are selling high, partly due to cheaper feed prices, around $1 per lb. The smaller ones are even higher.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

We had plenty of moisture for August, with a total of 4 inches. We finished our oats thrashing on August 18 and had a yield of 70 bu. per acre. Silo filling started around the 20th of August. Some corn has been cut and set in shock for fodder. Corn is a heavy crop. Second and third cutting alfalfa are doing good.

Centreville, Michigan, by Mrs. Tobe Yoder

July had many nice rains, making it hard to thrash wheat. Wheat is not a very good crop this year, running from 14 to 20 bu. per acre. Oats are running 25 to 45 bu. per acre. We had very good second cutting hay.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

The first part of the month was hot, with intervals of rain, bringing enough moisture for the south part of the settlement, but it is quite dry on the north side. After the middle of the month we had plenty of rain all over, and it was quite cool the 3rd week, turning warmer again towards the end of the month.

There is plenty of hay in this area, and the corn also looks very promising. Weeds are taking over in the fields, with plenty of rainfall to keep them growing.

Grain prices are down.

Bronson Co., Michigan, by Mrs. Noah N. Schwartz

August has been a very exceptionally wet and cool month. We had rain every week, as much as 2 or 3 days a week. The last few days were humid and hazy. Silo filling has started.

LaGrange Co., Indiana, by Anna S. Eash

August weatherwise was changeable. We had frequent rains, with higher temperatures and high humidity at times. We had some cool mornings with 50 degrees. Gardens are still doing well. Some men are making third cutting alfalfa which is a nice crop. The corn looks very promising. Wheat ground is being prepared, soy beans are ripening, and corn is ripening. The women are busy canning as there seems to be plenty. Peaches are brought in selling from $6 to $10 a bushel. Grapes are ripening.

Those who are not busy with these obligations are building and repairing. Healthwise, most people are on the go. Factory workers are busier again. Quite a few weddings are scheduled for the coming weeks.

Adams Co., Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

August was wet and cool. The figures for the month are: high temperature 91 on the 31, low temperature 49 on the 18; rainfall 6.59 inches. There were 6 clear days, 20 partly cloudy, 5 cloudy, 12 rainy days and 9 thunderstorms occurred.

Allen Co., Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

August wasn't quite as hot as July until the last few days. It got so hot and muggy and temperatures were up in the high 80's and 90's. We had quite a lot of rain.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

August was a nice month with plenty of moisture at all times. There were no heavy rains but quite a few light showers that amounted to around 5 inches in all. The most at any one time was 1.4 inch on the 28. We had a cool spell that lasted four or five days. The lowest temperature reading was 45 degrees on the 19, and the highest was 89 on the 28. Corn is starting to ripen, and soy beans look real good. Silos are being filled. So far all vegetables made a good yield, especially potatoes. Some plowing was done in August.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

The month of August has been very good growing weather. We had plenty of rain which was very well distributed throughout the month. Over the weekend of the 27th, we had an 1½ of rain. Most of the corn looks very good and is maturing fast. Some bean fields have lost most of their leaves. A few farmers have their combines out of the sheds.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

The month of August was warm and dry, and the later part more humid. The months rainfall was 2 1/8 inches. The low temperature for the month was 56 degrees and the high 94. Silos are filled, although some of us who have no silos and have late corn are putting silage on heaps and covering them with plastic. Most of the fodder corn is on shocks. A lot of tobacco went in. Some sorghum molasses has been cooked. Ponds are drying up. The peppers look like they may be about done if we don't soon get rain.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

Our drought ended on the eve of the 3rd when we had a good shower of rain. We had about 5 to 6 inches of rain within a week, and an occasional shower throughout the month. The cisterns, wells, and ponds are fuller than they had been for over a year. Corn is going in shocks, and would also be ready for silo filling, but the ground is too wet for binders. The grasshoppers did a lot of damage this year, stripping a lot of corn leaves and damaging some 2nd cutting clover.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

We had 12 inches of rain in August, which really made the grass grow again. It also helps late planted soybeans very much. Silo filling is nearly finished.

Audrian Co., Missouri, by Samuel Beachy

The biggest part of July was very warm with not much rain. Thrashing was mostly completed till July 23rd, with wheat and oats yielding extra good. In August we had good rains, which help the pastures and new seeding greatly. The early corn was along plenty far to be helped much, although most row crops also look good. Solo filling started the last of August. Apple and pear trees are hanging full, peaches have not been so plentiful, but are still available. Grapes were plentiful, and most women had a lot of canning to do this summer. Grasshoppers also have been plentiful.

Windsor, Johnson Co., Missouri, by Mrs. Monroe Hershberger

We had 5.3 inches of rain throughout August, and several showers occasionally that weren't measurable. We had a lot of foggy weather. The yards stayed green all summer. Temperatures reached a hundred degrees several times, but the nights are cool. Silos are being filled, and some cane sorghum cut.

Peaches were shipped in, also some pears. Although pear trees around here hang real full this year. The busy canning season has slacked somewhat.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

This is the first summer we had rain all summer through, everything stayed green, even the weeds did real good! I think the corn would've made a good crop if planted, but isn't usually raised here, because of the dry summer.

The Amish in this area are again sending milk, which is a good price $7.85. I am still making cheese which sells for $1.20 per lb. and have the whey for the pigs.

Reno Co., Haven, Kansas, by Mrs. E. E. Schrock

We've had a nice August with plenty of rainfall, very unusual for Kansas to have, as Kansas is noted for its hot winds and dry weather during August. Everything is lush and green, and there is plenty of ensilage feed etc.

Reno Co., Partridge, Kansas, by Edward A. Mast

Unlike most years August brought us about 10 inches of rain. The longest stretch without rain all summer was less than two weeks. So fall crops look real promising. A lot of wheat fields are green with volunteer sprouts and too wet to work. The 26 and 27th were quite windy with dust in the air. A lot of fields were stripped to stop the blowing.

With plenty of feed and wheat farming not so profitable, cattle prices are high. Hundreds of cattle are being shipped in from drier areas.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

August gave us quite a variation in weather from very warm and dry breezes to plenty of moisture and sultry weather, ending with good growing weather. Some corn and milo is being harvested with reports of good yields. Some milo fields, however have some extreme damage due to a new kind of worm.

Bloomfield, Iowa, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

Our drought finally ended after receiving 11.94 inches of rain during the month of August, bringing the total for the year to 24.92 inches. Yards needed no mowing for 2 months, but since the rains it's been like spring. Second cutting hay amounted to very little but third cutting looks more promising. The rains probably helped the beans, but is plenty late for the corn crop. Grasshoppers were like a plague this summer in gardens and crops and lots of spraying was done. I only canned 5 qts. of green beans and 1 qt. of peas from my garden, also canned some field corn. Tomatoes do poor because of wet, damp weather. Melons did well.

Buchanan Co., Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

The month of August brought us around 8.5 inches of rain. It is a little cooler nights with warm days. Silo filling is well along and corn is about 3 weeks ahead of our usual pattern. Third cutting alfalfa is being made, and produces well. Pasture fields are looking lush.

Johnson Co., Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

The weather during August has been ideal with very few hot days. We had 11 inches of rain in August and 1.3 in July. Most of third cutting Alfalfa is made, but was rather hard to get some of it cured. The corn looks very promising.

We did have some storm several weeks ago. Raymond Breneman's had damaged buildings, the wind blew the windmill tower, broke down large limbs from shade trees and also turned over many fruit trees. It blew over 90 bushels of apples on the ground which weren't matured yet.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

August was warm with cool nights. It was quite dry, but we had a few showers. Lawns and pastures were turning brown. The last week we had a few inches of rain, which really helped the pastures.

Leaves are changing colors. Silos are being filled. The corn crop is very good this year.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

We had 12 days of rainy weather in August, enough to keep things growing good, but no heavy rains. We also had some cool weather. The corn is slow in ripening and a lot of it is dented. Some have started silo filling. The oats were a good crop quite a lot averaged 75 bu. per acre. The third cutting hay is being made and is mostly a good crop. Hay is plentiful in Monroe Co., so hay prices are coming down.

Amhurst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

August was cooler than usual. On the 9th we had 1.2 inch of rain, and since only light showers, so it is dry now. We had quite cool weather a few weeks with the coldest at 42 degrees. The last few days were warmer with a shower again. The thrashing is finished with good yields. The corn is ripening and there are plenty of tomatoes and other vegetables. Some third cutting hay is being put up.

Chetek, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Henry Lehman

July was very warm and humid and temperatures were in the high 90's most of the month. We had very little rain in the month of July. Peas and beans were a tremendous crop. All other crops were real good too. The first two weeks of August were real nice and warm with occasional showers. From then on it has been going fast into fall like weather in the mornings and is getting cooler.

We've had some rain the last part of August but it's still dry. Some of the creeks were drying up at places. Later the 27th we had 3.5 inches of rain in the early morning and again almost an inch in the evening.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss H. Stutzman

We had nice fall like weather with over 5 inches of rain. Oats threshing ended by the 9th with mostly good yields. Corn is ripening fast. Reports were for frost by the 18th, but haven't had any yet.

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

We had some cool and rainy weather in August. Threshing is all finished.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

August was a very wet month making it difficult to get the grain cut and threshed. We had a total of 14 inches of rain with 4 inches on the 16th. Some of the earliest cut grain was in shock close to a month. There is still a bit of threshing to do. Corn is a bit short from the dry spell through July, but with all the moisture the ears are filling well, and some have started to dent.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

We had thundershowers on the first and again on the 8th. We had high winds in some places, tearing out trees and taking off roofs of buildings. Farmers were threshing in between showers. it rained nearly every 2 or 3 days all through August. This made the grass grow again and also the weeds.

Grey Co., Ontario, by Jacob C. Hershberger

August has been wet with some warm weather the first half of the month, and cooler the last half. The total rain fall was 7.8 inches. The grain is a good quality and average crop. Some of the grain is sprouting in the shock. The corn looks real good at present.

Adams Co., Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

A heat wave early in the month and another at its close with some cool weather sandwiched in between seemed to be the pattern for the month of August. There were only 11 days when the mercury reached 90 or above and the warmest day was 94 degrees. August had 3 days when the lows dropped into the 40's. The coolest morning in August saw a low of 48. We received more rain in August than in July, although showers were scattered and it rained more in some places and less in others. The Times reported rainfall of 3.5 inches for Gettysburg while we had several inches more. Pasture, grass fields and lawns are nice and green. We have some shot worms in our late planted sweet and field corn this year.

The Pennsylvania-German

Origin, Import, and Curiosities of Names

Compiled from Various Sources
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While the proverb quoted is true; in the main, the contrary is shown by Sir Henry Piers, in the year 1682, in a letter to Anthony, Lord Bishop of Meath, giving the following account of Irish Sobriquets and cognomens:

"They take much liberty, and seem to do it with delight, in giving nicknames; and if a man have any imperfection or evil habit, he shall be sure to hear of it in the nickname. Thus, if he be blind, lame, squint-eyed, gray-eyed, be a stammerer in speech, be left-handed, to be sure he shall have one of these added to his name; so also from his color of hair, as black, red, yellow, brown, etc.; and from his age, as young, old; or from what he addicts himself to, or much delights in, as in draining, building, fencing, or the like; so that no man whatever can escape a nickname who lives among them, or converseth with them; and sometimes, so libidinous are they in this kind of raillery, they will give nicknames **per antiphrasim**, *or contrariety of speech.*

"Thus a man of excellent parts, and beloved of all men, shall be called **Grana**, *that is, naughty, or fit to be complained of. If a man have a beautiful countenance of lovely eyes, they will call him* **Cueegh**, *that is, squint-eyed; if he be a great housekeeper, he shall be called* **Ackerisagh**, *thay is greedy."*

Pythagoras, however, taught that the minds, actions, and success of men would be according to their fate, genius and name, and *Plato* advises men to be careful in giving fair and happy names.

Such hopeful names as *Victor*, conqueror; *Felix*, happy, and *Fortunatus*, lucky, were called by Cicero, "bona nomina", and by Tacitue, "fausta nomina", prosperous names.

Camden said: "Such names among the Romans were considered so happy and fortunate, that in the time of Galienus, Regilianus who commanded in the ancient Illyricum, obtained the empire in consequence of the derivation of his name. When it was demanded during a banquet, what was the origin of Regilianus, one answered, *'a Regno'*, to reign, to be a king; another began to decline, *'Rex* (a king), *Regis, Regulianus'*, when the soldiers began to exclaim, 'Ergo potest Rex esse, ergo potest regere, Deus tibi regis nomen imposuit', and so invested him with the royal robes".

Lewis the Eighth, King of France, sent two of his embassadors to Alphonso, king of Spain, to solicit one of his daughters in marriage. When the young ladies, whose names were Urraca and Blanche, were presented to the embassadors, they made choice of Blanche, though far less beautiful than her sister, assigning as a reason that her name would be better received in France, as *Blanche* signified fair and beautiful.

Before taking up surnames, to which this article will be principally devoted, let us inquire briefly into the derivation, - the etymology and significance - of the names of a few of the infinite number of objects with which every one is familiar, but whose actual significance is comprehended only by a few.

For instance, how many purveyors of ham and beef can explain the origin of the word Sandwich? The question at issue furnishes an example of how a name may be perpetuated in different ways. Thus, Captain Cook named the Sandwich Islands in compliment to John Montague, fourth Earl of Sandwich and First Lord of the Admiralty, who took his title from Sandwich, or, as the etymology of this place implies, the "sand town", one of the ancient Cinque Ports in Kent. An inveterate gamester was this Lord Sandwich; so much so that he would sit at the gamingtable for thirty hours and more at a stretch, never desisting from the game to partake of a meal, but from time to time ordering the waiter to bring him some slices of meat placed between two slices of thin bread, from which circumstance this convenient form of refreshment received the name of Sandwiches.

Mention of sandwiches reminds us that very few tradesmen possess the remotest idea of the significance of the names of the various commodities in which they deal, or how to account for their individual trade-name. How many tobacconists are aware of the fact that the most interesting island in the West Indies, in connection with the subject now under discussion, is Tobago Island, so called by Columbus from its fancied resemblance to the *Tobaco*, or inhaling pipe or, tube of the aborigines, whence the word TOBACCO has been derived.

Possibly not one out of every thousand tailors could tell you that the designation of his trade-name is an Anglicized form of the French Tailleur, derived from the verb *tailler*, to cut.

As nowadays comprehended, a Milliner is one who retails hats, feathers, bonnets, ribbons, and similar appurtenances to female costume. The name is really a corruption of *Milaner*, alluding to the city of Milan, which at one time set the fashion to the north of Europe in all matters of taste and elegance. Haber-dasher is a modern form of the Old English word *Hapertaser*, or a retailer of hapertas cloth, the width of which was settled by Magna Charta. Grocer is a contraction and modified spelling of Engrosser, the denomination of a tradesman who, in the Middle Ages, claimed a monopoly for the supply of provisions. A vender of vegetables is appropriately called a Greengrocer. The term Carpenter, from the Latin *carpentum*, a wagon, originally denoted a mechanic who constructed the wooden body of a vehicle of any kind, as distinguished from the Wheelwright; but in process of time the same term came to be applied to artificers in timber generally.

Every American is, at least indirectly, interested in the colossal ditch now under construction which will unite the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. How many of us have taken the trouble to inform ourselves that the term Panama is Caribbean, indicative of the mud fish that abound in the waters on both sides of the isthmus? A comparatively late acquisition to the territorial expanse of the United States are the Philippine Islands; discovered by Magellan in 1621, and named after Philip II of Spain.

America honors the memory of Amerigo Vespucci, the Florentine navigator, who landed on the New Continent south of the Equator, the year after Columbus discovered the northern mainland in 1498. The name of America first appeared in a work published by Waldsemuller at St. Die, in Lorraine, in the year 1507. It is worthy of note that when Columbus landed in America he imagined he had set foot on part of that vast territory east of the Ganges vaguely known as India; therefore he gave the name of Indians to the aborigines. This also accounts for the islands in the Caribbean Sea being styled the West Indies.

Germany was in ancient times known as Tronges, or the country of the Tungri, a Latin work signifying "speakers"; but the Romans afterwards gave it the name of Germanus, which was a Latinized Celtic term meaning "neighbors", originally bestowed by the Gauls upon the warlike people beyond the Rhine. Holland is the modern acceptation of Ollant, the Danish for "Marshy ground", whereas Belgium denotes the land of the Belgae. The fact that the term Netherlands is expressive of low countries need scarcely detain us. Denmark is properly Danmark, *i. e.*, the territory comprised within the *marc*, or boundary established by Dan, the Scandinavian chieftain. France was known to the Greeks as *Gallatia*, and to the Romans as Gallia, afterwards

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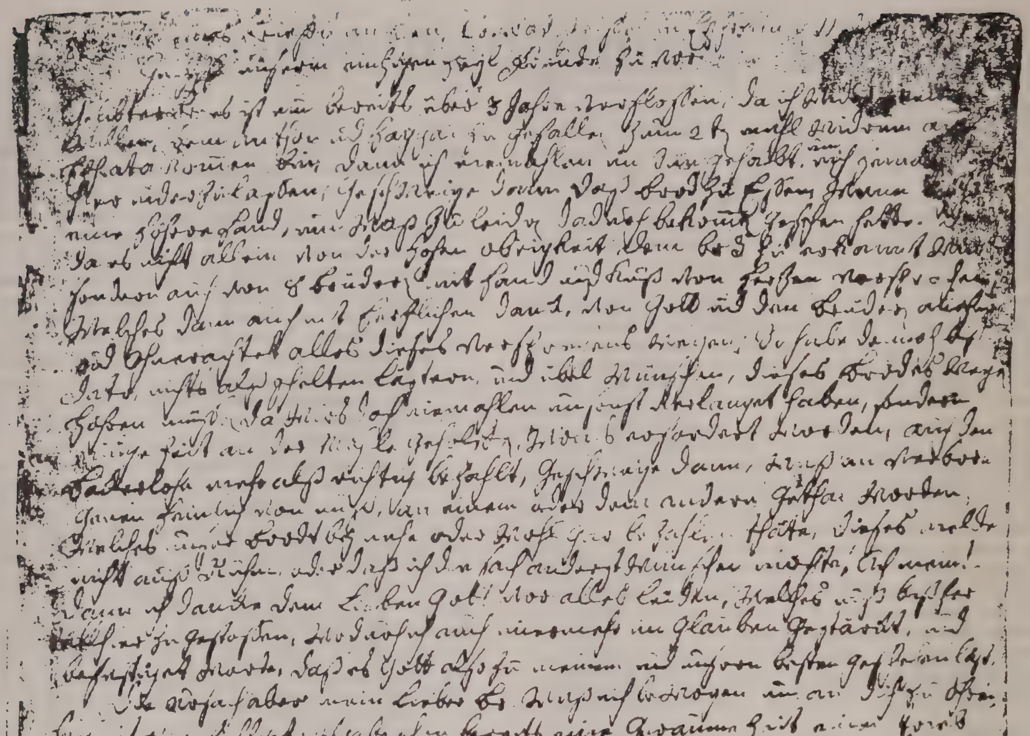

Auszug eines Brieffs an den Conrad Peiſſel in Ephrata den 11 Jenner Anno 1767.

Gn. Jeſo unſerm einzigen Heyl Freude zu vor

Gelibter Br: es iſt nun bereits über 3 Jahre verfloſſen, da ich wider meinen Willen, dem Anthon und Haggai zu gefallen zum 2ten mahl widrum auf Ephrata komen bin, dann ich niemahlen im Sinn gehabt, um mich jemals' mehr hier niderzulaſſen; Geſchweige dann das Brod zu Eſſen wann nicht eine höhere Hand, um was zu leiden dadurch bekome geſehen hatte. Dañ da es nicht allein von der hohen Obrigkeit dem br S' zu erkannt wücte ſondern auch von 8 brüdern mit Hand und Kuss von Herzen verſprochen, Welches dann auch mit herzlichen Dank, von Gott und den brüdern anahm' und ohnerachtet alles dieſes Verſprechens wegen; ſo habe dannah biss date, nichts alss ſchelten läſtern, und übel wünſchen, dieſes brodes wegen höhren muſſen da wirs doch niemahlen umſonſt verlanget haben, ſondern einige zeit an der Mühle geholffen, wans erfordert worden, auch den Backerlohn mehr alss richtich bezahlt, Geſchweige dann, wass im verborgenen heimlich von unss, an einem oder dem andern gethan worden, Welches unſer brodt bey nahe,oder Wohl gar bezahlen thäte, dieſes welde nicht auss küfen, oder daſſ ich die ſach anderſt wünſchen mochte, Ach nein! Dann ich dancke dem lieben Gott vor alles leiden, Welches uns bissher allhier zu geſtoſſen, wo durch ich auch nickoncahr im Glauben geſtärkt, und befeſtiget worden, daſſ es Gott alſo zu meinem und unſern beſten geſchehen läſſt.

Die urſach aber mein lieber Br: Was mich bewogen um an dich zu ſchreiben, iſt wie follget; Ich habe ſchon bereits eine geraume zeit einen trieb von Gott dazu gehabt, welchen ich mich aber ſo lang widerſtehn biss dass er mir zu mächtig worden, und ich nicht mehr widerſtehen können, dañ der Jam̃er und der Zuſtand Ephrata gehet mir oft recht zu Herzen. beſonders deine Perſohn, in dem alle Augen auf dich ſehen, und alle Seelen an dir hangen, und dir in deinem thun und laſſen nachfollgen.

Dafeor hetteſt du mein lieber freilich urſach genug, denen Seelen, vor Welche du (nach der Schrifft wirſt Rechen ſchafft geben müſſen, mit guten Exempeln vor zu gehen. Aber ach letz der es iſt dass Gegentheil; indem nur dein thun ja leben ja? und Wandel, ſo vielfältig ohne mein Wollen erzählet wird, So dass mir ein rechter grauen, darüber ankom̃t; und was ich ſelbſten mit meinen eigenen ohren gehöret u. mit Augen geſehen, iſt erſchrecklich, Worüber mir auch die Haare zu berge geſtanden; dass ſolche Reden, von einem Biſchoff, der ſich ein Seelen führer nenet, ſolten können getrieben werden.

Farming and Gardening in the Bible

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Herbs

chapter 5

"Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a stalled ox and hatred therewith," wrote King Solomon sattated with luxury and vexed with court intrigue. Herbs were the staple food of the poor man, yet they attained royal splendor in the establishments of the Kings of Israel and Judah. Solomon's herb gardens lay south of Bethlehem, and the Queen of Sheba was proud to contribute exotic specimens to their variety. One of the most famous tragedies of the Bible developed from the simple, and originally honest desire of one man to purchase from or exchange with a neighbor a small plot of land for use as an herb garden. One man, Ahab, was King of Samaria; the other, Naboth, just a vine grower. Yet the commoner might have lived to retain his inheritance had not Queen Jezebel, who came from a land where kings ruled by divine right and exercised royal domain, stepped in and in true totalitarian fashion liquidated the rugged democrat. Ahab acquired his blood-stained herb garden at the price of death and a curse. Hezekiah, King of Judah, counted spices and oils derived from herbs of equal importance with gold and silver and other precious belongings, and enshrined them together in the King's Treasury.

The word "herb" has both a popular and a botanical meaning which do not always coincide. Strictly speaking, an herb is a plant which dies to the roots annually, as distinct from one with a woody

stem which survives from year to year. However, popular usage has a habit of unobtrusively yet effectively impressing its own stamp of authenticity on words whose origin lies outside the page of the dictionary. Nowadays herbs are commonly considered to include those plants which contribute culinary flavoring and seasoning, or possess medicinal properties, irrespective of their botanical genus.

Naturalists as well as archaeologists have waged wordy warfare, and the loose scriptural use of the various words translated uniformly into English as herb adds nothing to the botanist's peace of mind. Young's *Concordance* lists six Old Testament Hebrew words, and two New Testament Greek ones, all rendered as the one English word"HERB". Even the accompanying scriptural text is little help. The first chapter of *Genesis*, dealing with the Creation, divides plant life into three types—grass, herb-yielding seed, and the fruit whose seed is in himself. Two chapters later, with Paradise lost, the Adamic curse condemns man to eat the herb of the field, indicating its lowly status in the scheme of creation. Elsewhere, the frailty of man and his uncertain life span is compared to the ephemeral and hazardous growth of herbs, exposed to the drought and hail of Palestine.

Jesus, whose teachings are so colorfully interspersed with His intimate knowledge of the plant life of His native land, refers on twooccasions [*Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42*] to the Pharisees' tithing of herbs: anise, and mint, and rue, and cummin, and scornfully rebuked such punctilious observation of inconsequential values while they "Omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment mercy and faith." These two verses contain the only biblical mention of anise, mint and rue. *Isaiah*, in his 28th chapter, describes how cummin seeds were threshed out with a stick, a practice still followed in Mediterranean lands. Cummin was found in a wild state, as well as under cultivation. Its seeds, similar to caraway but larger, were bitter but aromatic, and were used both as spices and for medicinal purposes, being regarded as a specific for colic and flatulency. It belongs to the order *Umbellifarae*. The biblical anise is authoritatively believed to have been dill, a member of the parsley family, growing a couple of feet high. Its aromatic seeds were used for sour condiments and in seasoning cakes, while its medicinal properties were similar to those of cummin. It was one of the commonest of garden herbs in Bible times. The mint of the New Testament is supposed to have been one of three varieties, *Mentha sativa. M. sylvestris* or *M. arvensis*, all common in the Levant. On account of its pleasant aroma the Jews scattered it on the floors of their houses and synagogues, and used it freely in cooking and seasoning. It was one of the herbs to be tithed, and was subject to the ban on sowing and gathering every seventh year. According to the *Talmud*, rue, while a kitchen herb, was not liable to tithe, as it was not regularly cultivated in gardens. In the time of Jesus it appears to have been a garden plant and accordingly tithable. Rue, *Ruta graveolens*, was a shrubby plant, yellowish-green in color, with numerous small transparent spots, containing a volatile oil having strong stimulant, anti-spasmodic and tonic qualities. The plant had a pungent aromatic odor, its leaves being very bitter. Its common name, *Herb O' Grace*, Probably derives from scriptural sanctity.

The parable of the mustard seed must have impressed the disciples, for Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount it. Matthew sows it in the field, Luke in the garden, while Mark merely puts it in the earth. As in the case of so many other Bible plants, botanists have varied theories as to the species meant. Modern opinion tends to identify it with black mustard, *Sinapis nigra*. It has been observed growing wild to a height of twelve feet, so the cultivated variety may have been as sturdy as Jesus describes. The minute mustard seed, while not the smallest known to the Jews, was however the tiniest sown by the husbandman, and the disparity between the little seed grains and the large mature plants was noteworthy.

St. Paul, in an able plea for tolerance and consideration towards the beliefs of others, makes a telling reference to a vegetarian diet: "For one believeth that he may eat all things; another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him" [*Romans 14:2-3*]. The lesson is as needful today as when it was written.

Coriander seed is mentioned twice in the Old Testament, but merely for its earthly similarity to the heaven bestowed manna. This herb is an annual of the parsley family, common in Palestine and Syria; it has a tall stalk with small white flowers. The plant itself emits a disagreeable odor. The seeds are globular, light gray in color, and their aromatic flavor is prized in seasoning and cooking; they also have medicinal properties.

In [*Numbers 11:5*], Just two verses prior to the second mention of coriander, may be found a lone nostalgic reference to garlic. Egyptian garlic is specified, but the strongly flavored bulb was grown in the Holy Land where it was much esteemed and used both for culinary purposes and medicinal ones. The antiseptic nature of its juice was demonstrated during the First World War.

"Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean," sang the Psalmist (*51:7*]. Hyssop takes precedence among Bible herbs for background interest. Many centuries ago St. Augustine contended that students of the Scriptures who were ignorant of the nature of hyssop thereby lost the real meaning of the various Bible passages which mention it. He described the plant as a short stemmed one with roots penetrating the spaces between rocks and the interstices of stone walls, and attributed purgative qualities to it. That great botanist, Solomon "He was wiser than all men)...and he spake of trees from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall" [*I Kings 4:31-33*] considered hyssop a rock-loving plant. In St. John's story of the Crucifixion, he relates that a sponge soaked in vinegar was put upon hyssop and held to Jesus' mouth; in parallel passages, St. Matthew and St. Mark omit reference to hyssop and say thespongewas put on a reed.

Biblical students cannot agree whether the hyssop referred to was indeed a long reed (hardly consistent with the plant's being a lowly rock species) or if the cleansing, antiseptic, aromatic properties of hyssop were added to the vinegar. There is enough Bible evidence to indicate that the word translated into English as hyssop may not have consistently designated the same plant. Hyssop is first mentioned in *Exodus* [*12:22*]; there the Israelites were ordered to dip a bunch of hyssop in the blood of the paschal lamb, and mark their doorways therewith. It must have been of a bushy nature to serve as a sprinkling medium, and presumably its purifying and aromatic qualities were transferred in part to the liquid clinging to its leaves. In two of the most important purification ceremonies of the Mosaic Law, the cleansing of leprosy (*Leviticus 14*] and from defilement by the dead [*Numbers 19*], hyssop was a mandatory agent. Thus in Egypt, in the arid desert, and on Palestine hillsides, hyssop must have made a hardy growth.

As we so commonly and regrettably find in Bible research, no positive identification can be given to many of the plants mentioned by the ancient scribes. Hyssop is no exception. The famous Swedish botanist Celsius, who specialized in study of Bible plants in the 17-18th centuries, lists no less than eighteen different identifications of hyssop, and modern research has done little to clarify the type. Amongst the best documented are rosemary, thyme, marjoram, caper, sorghum and our modern hyssop, *Hyssopis officinalis*. The latter is a shrub, almost evergreen, and popular for low hedges. The flowers are commonly blue, but sometimes pink or white. Medicinally it is claimed to be helpful as a cathartic and for inducing perspiration. The essential oil is used in the manufacture of chartreuse and absinthe, and in toilet water.

While hyssop furnishes us with an historical and ritualistic element, mandrake supplies an erotic touch in the Bible herbal. "And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee tonight for thy son's mandrakes." From the rest of the story in the 30th chapter of *Genesis* we may infer the great vlaue attached to the power of the mandrake by the ancient Hebrews. The scene of this drama lay in Padan Aram, " the tableland of Syria," believed to have been in the vicinity of the Euphrates. The month was May, the time of wheat harvest. The rarity of the plant in this district is evident by its bargaining value. That it also grew in Palestine is shown by a romantic allusion to it in the closing lines of the seventh chapter of the *Song of Solomon.* Naturalists are in general agreement that the scriptural mandrake is the same as our modern variety, *Atropa mandragora,* closely allied to the deadly night-shade as well as to the highly edible tomato. This relationship of the tomato, together with its old fashioned name of love apple, furnishes interesting speculation. The fruit of the mandrake, which ripens in May, is similar in size to a tomato, but yellow in color; its appearance its smell, and its taste, are all pleasant. Arabs call it the devil's apple, from its aphrodisiac reputation. The mandrake has strong thick taproots, large dark green leaves, with small pale green or purple flowers

The *Song of Solomon,* in a verse [4:14] pungent with perfume and spice, includes the sole scriptural mention of saffron. The word derives from the Arabic *zafran,* yellow. The ancients valued it for its delicate perfume, and pot pourri was made from it. The saffron crocus, *Crocus sativus,* is a member of the iris family. Saffron is prepared by plucking the three stigmata, together with a portion of one style, from the flower as soon as the calyx is fully opened. Some idea of the tedious work involved may be furnished by the fact that it takes four thousand stigmata to make one ounce. The stigmata are dried in the sun, or in a kiln. In the Levant saffron is used, as in olden time, for condiment purposes or as a medical stimulant. Modern industry utilizes it as a coloring extract, and it is one of the "must" ingredients in the famous French dish *bouillabaisse.*

The Hebrew work translated into English as wormwood is also rendered as hemlock, while hemlock in turn is used as a variant of the work we call gall. Most people associate gall with a bitter internal secretion, but with divergence of opinion which would match a Big Four conference, there are Bible students who claim gall was a bitter or poisonous herb, or even serpent venom. All scriptural usage of wormwood is symbolic, denoting bitterness or despair, and it is usually coupled with gall for emphasis. In the New Testament, written in Greek, *apsinthos* is the original word translated in *Revelation*[*8:11*] as wormwood. When we look up the botanical name of the modern wormwood plant we find *Artemisia absinthium,* and further investigation discloses that it is one of the chief ingredients from which absinthe was made. Absinthe, once a popular alcoholic drink in France and Switzerland, has had its manufacture prohibited for a number of years because of the harmful effect on its addicts. There are several species of wormwood, most of them bitter. *Artemisia absinthium* is a tall prennial, with silky leaves and an abundance of small yellow flowers.

The forgoing covers what are generally regarded as the herbs of the Bible. With the modern flexibility applied to herb classification, and the lack of agreement among botanical students of the Bible, it is difficult to draw a definite line including all herbs and excluding non-herbs. The inspiring words of the Psalmist lift us above man-made rules: "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

MOVING INTO METRICS

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For many of us, our attitude toward abandoning feet and inches and converting to the metric system is akin to one's thoughts before undertaking a diet: It will be good for us but very aggravating, and it would be nice if it could be postponed. Nonetheless, it has begun.

Metrics, as it is now commonly called by practitioners, is starting to take hold across the land. As one top industry official puts it, "Americans, whether they like it or not, are gradually being centimetered into the metric system."

The U. S. Metric Conversion Act of 1975 was signed into law by President Ford on December 23, 1975. This document will not only alter our language but our lives as well, and states in part:

"It is therefore declared that the policy of the United States shall be to coordinate and plan the increasing use of the metric system in the United States and to establish a United States Metric Board to coordinate the voluntary conversion to the metric system."

The Metric Board has no compulsory power but will carry out a broad program of planning, coordinating, and public education, with the overall goal of implementing the policy set forth in the Metric Conversion Act.

The big impetus for conversion now, explains Malcolm O'Hagan, president of the American National Metric Council, stems from the nation's biggest exporting firms. The firms are under pressure to shift their measurements to conform with those used by the rest of the world.

The British conversion process began in 1965, and Canada is underway with its formal shift. Thus the United States is left as the sole major nation still on an inch-pound system.

So if you are driving from Albany to New York City, or from Chicago to Detroit, or from San Francisco to Los Angeles, you will soon see such signs (if you haven't already) as: New York City 215 kilometers, 134 miles; Detroit 442 kilometers, 276 miles; and Los Angeles 627 kilometers, 392 miles. And if you look down at your speedometer and the needle is close to 90 kilometers per hour, don't worry—you're only doing the permissible 55 m. p. h.

What's so great about the metric system? And why has the U. S. been so slow to move into the metrics?

Let's take the last question first.

Early American colonists kept the British system of measurement because of their close ties with England. Britain'sjerry-built structure was based on the units brought in by the Roman conquerors 2000 years ago. It had been propped up and patched many times. Legend has it that King Henry I decreed the yard to be the distance from the point of his nose to the end of his thumb. In ancient Rome each ruler decreed that the length of his foot was the official foot. A piece of wood cut as long as his foot became the standard, the physical copy of the unit. The inch was less steady, being the "equivalent of a thumb's breadth." By 16th-century accounts, the rod was defined as the combined length of the left feet of 16 men lined up after church; an acre is the amount of land a man could plow in a day.

About the time the first settlers began arriving in America, considerable scientific development was taking place in Europe. Old measuring systems were determined to be imprecise and awkward — and the metric system was devised.

In 1790 the French Academy of Sciences was appointed by the revolutionary National Assembly to frame a new decimal system based on an unchanging standard found in nature. The Acaemy defined the meter as one ten-millionth of the distance of a curved line running from the equater to the North Pole, passing through Paris. Until recently, a platinum-iridium bar kept in a vault near Paris served as the world standard meter.

Now the meter is based on the wavelength of orange-red light given off by the isotope krypton-86, which can be measured with greater accuracy in scientific laboratories throughout the world.

In 1795, France ordered the system, known officially as *Systeme International d'Unites*, to be the standard one for her people. Except for the period from 1812 to 1840, when Napoleon allowed both the old and new systems of measurements to be used, France has used metrics.

While Americans were well aware of the metric system, and generally agreed that it was good, the "dead hand of custom" held back its adoption in the U. S. Disinterested Americans were accustomed to the old measurements, and as the Industrial Revolution spread in Great Britain and the U. S. the old measurements were calibrated into the new machines. Since the underdeveloped nations of the world had a great need for American and British Goods, they had to take those goods according to the Imperial System of measurements.

The metric system was actually made legal in the United States over 100 years ago. Cogress passed an act on July 28, 1866, declaring that: "It shall be lawful throughout the United States of America to employ the weights and measures of the metric system. . ." This was a permissive law, allowing elective use of the metric system.

Today, however, it's metrics virtually all the way. Over 93 per cent of the world's people use that system. And over 75 per cent of the world's trade and production is weighed and gauged metric, and the percentage is increasing every year.

Now as to why the metric system is so great: In contrast to our cumbersome foot-pound-quart system, the metric system is a model of simplicity and clarity. It works consistently in units of ten. Calculating the system is easy:you merely move the decimal point. If a metric ton (1000 kilograms) of something costs $150,000, for instance, a kilogram costs $150, a gram $.15.

The meter (39.37 inches) is the unit on which are based all metric standards of length. Measurements of mass (similar but not identical to weight) are based on the gram (.0022046 pound). Prefix these base words with kilo-(100), centi-(1/100) and milli-(1/1000) and other prefixes, and you thus change the measurements.

How will "metrication," as the conversion is called, affect U.S.? The change will definitely alter our language and affect our mental processes. But reports from our converting countries such as England say that the mental shift to the metric system soon becomes automatic.

Automobile speedometers and highway signs must be changed from miles to kilometers, of course. Gasoline and motor oil "fills" will be expressed in liters (61.025 cubic inches).

Several states and cities are putting up highway signs showing distances in both miles and kilometers. As a convenience for learning motorists, Illinois, for example, has placed signs at points with readings of 100 km and 62 miles as well as at locations of 100 miles and 161 km.

The National Park Service is currently placing signs showing metric distances on roadways and footpaths in all national parks. Its brochures and maps are similarly marked with kilometer distances (a kilometer is 0.62 or 5/8 mile).

Already, pilot programs using metric measurements have been instituted by major U.S. corporations. General Motors, for example, was responsible for producing America's first primarily metric car, the Chevette, with only a few parts still in U.S.-customary dimensions. This auto giant was so impressed by its experience that it plans to go metric on all new projects, and when redesigning new parts or models. At this writing the Ford Motor Company plans to have all 1978 models wholly metric in design.

Although the auto industry worried that new sets of tools Calibrated in metrics might be very costly, it turned out that even The most skilled workers, who usually provide most of their own tools had to spend only an average of $50. For the majority of auto workers the biggest expense was $7.50 - for a new set of ten sockets at 75 cents each.

A major producer of farm and construction machinery, John Deere Company, plans to go metric with all forthcoming new products and models. However, the company usually changes models only about once every 8 - 10 years, so this conversion may take a decade.

Massey-Ferguson, a worldwide manufacturer of industrial, farm and construction machinery, will design new metric models of its products. The company is currently working on an all-metric tractor which should be produced within the next eight years.

Proctor and Gamble is involved with another type of metrication, shifting to metric design in machines they use for producing home products. Their first project is an all-metric machine that manufactures diapers.

Many large aircraft and aerospace firms are converting now as well. The biggest breakthrough in the conversion of American firms to the metric system, however, was the recent decision by both U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel to produce raw steel to metric dimensions.

A Detroit suburb—Wayne, Michigan—has proudly proclaimed itself "Metric City, USA." It has set up special metrics courses in the schools, established a metrics information center, and erected signs giving all distances in kilometers.

Elsewhere plans are for all states to start teaching the metric system in their schools by 1978, with such projects already under way in several states.

Temperatures in countries using the metric system are usually measured in degrees Celsius (named after a Swedish astronomer), formerly degrees centigrade. But the customary Fahrenheit (after a German physicist) temperature scale will probably continue to be used here for several years. Thermometers are just too expensive to change on a wholesale basis quickly.

Conversion of temperature from Fahrenheit to Celsius is fairly simple. The Fahrenheit scale shows the freezing point of water at 32 degrees and the boiling point at 212 degrees. On the Celsius scale the range is 0 degrees to 100 degrees. To change Fahrenheit degrees to Celsius, simply subtract 32 from the Fahrenheit temperature and multiply the remainder by 5/9. For example, to change 68 degrees Fahrenheit to Celsius, subtract 32 from 68 degrees, which leaves a remainder of 36. Multiplying this remainder by 5/9 gives a Celsius reading of 20 degrees.

America is at long last moving ahead into the metric system. The handwriting is on the wall, and it reads METRIC. Robert Hopkins, editor of the *American Metric Journal*, believes that Americans will be using metrics extensively by 1980. The nation's liquor industry has officially gone metric as of October 1, 1976. The industry will convert to metrics in the next few years, bottling distilled spirits in 6 standard sizes: 50 milliliters, 200 milliliters, 500 milliliters, 750 milliliters, 1 liter and 1.75 liters.

If you are still a little apprehensive about the metric system, about saying "28.35 grams of prevention are worth 0.4536 kilograms of cure" for example, consider the plight of the poor inchworm. He will henceforth be ignominously known as the 2.54-centimeter worm.

But we will prevail. After all, as one observer commented recently, "How can a country that has lived with feet, fathoms, furlongs, acres, petite and Xtra large be confused by the metric system?"

modified into Gaul, because it was the territory of the Celtiae, or Celts. The modern settlers of the country were the Franks, so called from the *franca*, a kind of javelin which they carried, who in the fifth century inhabited the German province of Franconia and, travelling westwards, gradually accomplished the conquest of Gaul. France, therefore, signifies the country of the Franks, or as the Germans call it, *Frankreich, i. e.*, the Kingdom of the Franks. All the western nations were styled Franks by the Turks and Orientals, and anything brought to them from the west invariably merited a prenomen description of its origin, as, for example, *Frankincense*, by which was meant incense brought from the country of the Franks.

Every child in the State, old enough to begin the study of geography, knows that the appellation Pennsylvania is derived from *Sylvania*, forest country, the original name of our Keystone State, to which *Penn*, the name of the founder, was afterward prefixed.

Examples of this sort might be given *as infinitum* or, in fact *ad nauseam*, therefore, we will take up another phase of the subject in hand.

Dr. Cummings points out a curious signification of the Hebrew names recorded in the 5th chapter of Gensis. When arranged in order, they present an epitome of the ruin and recovery of man through a Redeemer:

These names in the order in which they are recorded, read thus: "To man, once made in the image of God, now substituted by man frail and full of sorrow, the blessed God himself shall come down to the earth teaching, and his death shall send to the humble, consolation."

Adam *i. e.*,	"Man in the image of God";
Seth,	"Substituted by";
Enos,	"Frail Man";
Canaan,	"Lamenting";
Mahalaleel,	"The blessed God";
Jared,	"Shall come down";
Enoch,	"Teaching";
Methuselah,	"His death shall send";
Lamech,	"To the humble";-
Noah,	"Rest or consolation".

The son of Abraham and Sarah, by divine direction was to bear the name of *Isaac*, signifying laughter, in allusion to the circumstances recorded of the father of the faithful in the 17th chapter of Gensis. In like manner Jacob received the name *Yaakob*, that is, he shall "hold by the heel" or supplant, a prediction which was fulfilled when he supplanted his brother Esau, in the matter of his birthright.

The ancient Hebrews retained the greatest simplicity in the use of names, and generally a single name distinguished the individual. Where it was necessary the name of the father was added, and sometimes that of the mother, if she happened to be more celebrated.

Names were first given for the distinction of persons, and each individual had, at the beginning, but one proper or given name, as *Joseph* among the Jews, *Amasis* among the Egyptians, *Arbacces* among the Medians, among the Greeks *Ulysses*, among the Romans *Romulus*.

The Jews named their children the eighth day after the nativity, when the rite of circumcision was performed. The Greeks gave the name on the tenth day, and an entertainment was given by the parents and friends, and sacrifices offered to the gods.

The Romans gave names to their female children on the eighth day, and to the males on the ninth, which they called *Dies lustrious*, the day of purification, on which day they solemnized a feast called *Nominalia*.

The name was generally indicative of some particular circumstance attending the birth or infancy, some quality of body or mind, or was expressive of the good wishes or fond hopes of the parent. Objects of nature, the most admired and beautiful, were selected by them to designate their offspring. The sun, the moon and stars, the clouds, the beasts of the field, the trees and the flowers that adorn the face of nature, were all made subservient to this end.

Names, epithets, and coriquets were often bestowed by others than the parents, at a more advanced age, expressive of character or exploits, of personal beauty, deformity or blemish - such as, among the Greeks *Alexander*, a benefactor of men; among the Romans, *Victor*, a conquerer; among the Britons, *Cadwallader*, the leader of the war, and among the Gaels or Celts, *Galgach*, or *Golgachus*, the fierce fighter of battles.

All proper names have, at first, a peculiarly appropriate meaning, which in time often becomes obscurred and ultimately forgotten. Schlegel traced descriptive epithets in almost all Hindu names, and the older names among the Hebrews, Arabs, in fact all Oriental nations, are highly significant and grotesque; as "son of wool", "prince of the dogs", etc. This is measurably true of names of Aryan origin, and noticeably those of Teutonic and Scandanavian lines. The North American Indian is usually named from some animal, for totemic reasons, and later earns another from some deed of daring performed; and similar practices prevail in all savage tribes. In fact, the origin of heraldry may be looked for in totemic devices and symbols.

The study of proper names is, then, not the outcome of idle curiosity or personal vainglory, but useful in historical and literary researches - as important perhaps, as numismatics, heraldry, superstitions, symbolism and tradition. The name of a man often retains the impress of his country and sometimes of the period in which he lived, and may thus furnish a clue to correct a disputed question in chronology, geography, or genealogy; the conquerors of Andalusia, the Vandals, gave their name to that province, and it is hence not derived from Andalus, son of Japhet and grandson of Noah; the posterity of one man can not, in reason cover 30 degrees of longitude, in three generations, in a barbaric age.

A SURNAME is a name added to the proper or given name, for the sake of distinction and so called because originally written *over* the other name, instead of after it, from the French Sur-*nom*, or the Latin *"Super nomen"*, signifying *above the name*. It may be indicative of descent, habitat, craft, or may have originated in totemic associations, clanship, personal peculiarities, or from vulgar nicknames. A proper name, once given, or adopted, becomes in time a part of the individuality. The giving of names is not necessarily proof of an advanced civilized condition. It may be, in fact, considered coaeval with and intimately connected with the gift of speech; the Adamic tradition of the origin of common names is a self-evident proposition when applied to pre-Adamic savagery. The primal family grew into the primal tribe, and proper names became necessary; the land and the gathering of men upon it necessitated proper designations for each, or the same for both.

The precise period at which names became stationary, or began to descend hereditarily, is not known. It is however, admitted that surnames began to be adopted in England about 1000 A. D., coming mainly from Normandy. According to Camden, surnames began to be taken up in France about the year 1000, and in England about the time of the Conquest (1066), or a very little before, under King Edward the Confessor. He said:

> "*And to this doe the Scottishmen referre the antiquitie of their surnames, although Buchanan supposeth that they were not in use in Scotland many years after.*
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> "*But in England, certaine it is, that as the better sort, euen from the Conquest, by little and little, took surnames, so they were not settled among the common people until about the time of King Edward the Second, but still varied according to the father's name, as* **Richardson**, *if his father were Richard;* **Hodgson**, *if his father were Roger, or in some other respect and from thencefoth began to be established [some say by statute] in their posterite.*
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> "*This will seem strange to some Englishmen and Scottishmen, which, like the Arcadians, think their surnames as ancient as the moone, or, at least, to reach many an age beyone the conquest. But they which thinke it most strange [I speake vnder correction],*

I doubt they will hardly finde any surname which descended to postertiie before that time; neither have they seene [I fear] any deed or donation before the Conquest, but subsigned with crosses and single names, without surnames, in this manner, in England - **x Ego Eadredus confirmauli; x Ego Edmundus corroboraui; Ego Sigarius conclusi; x Ego Olfstanus consolidaui,** *etc.*

"Likewise for Scotland, in as old booke of Duresme in the Charter, whereby Edgare, sonne of King Malcolme, gave lands neare Coldingham to that church, in the year 1097, the Scottish noblemen, witnesses thereunto, had no other surnames but the Christian names of their fathers, for thus they signed - **S. x Gulfi filli Menliani**. S. x **Culuerti filli Doncani**, etc."

In Rome, family or clan names were hereditary, but surnames remained individual, sanctioned by public consent, as Scipio Nasica, Pisco Frugi, Lentulus Sura. In the republics of Greece, notably Athens and Sparta, men's names were significant of the power, valor, virtues, or victories of the people, as Agesilaus, Charidemus, Demagorus, Demophilus, Demosthenes, Laodice. In fact it is common among all peoples to exaggerate the importance of the significance of names. Both Greeks and Romans augured well or ill from them. Grecian names are significant, either of religious feeling, the remembrance of great events, some happy omen, chance, friendship, or gratitude. Daughters were named from their fathers more scrupulously than were the sons; Homer uses their names in this wise without exception, as Chryseis, the daughter of Chryses; Brisis, the daughter of Briseus. The son's name was frequently an enlarged form of the father's, as it was deemed that polysyllabic names were more honorable than shorter ones, which were given to slaves; the Spartan Hergesander named his son Hegesandrides, and Hiero, tyrant of Syracuse, named his son Hieronymus. There are traces of a desire to adopt family names among the Greeks, but it generally ended in a vague reference to the hero from whom the family sprung; these surnames were only adopted by those families who pretended to trace back to deities or fabulous periods of history.

The Scandinavians and largely the Germans had none but individual names; every family, as with the Greeks, showed a decided preference for certain names, and these were generally transmitted from grandfather to grandson, or from uncle to nephew, for some occult reason, while the daughter was only known by her father's name (as Alf-hide meaning literally the child of Alfr). Others retained the root from which the head of the family derived his name, but varying the other syllables (thus, the three sons of the formidable Argrim retained the last syllable which signified rage). There were thus no family names among the Celts, strictly speaking. The songs of the Druids have perished with the names of the heroes they sang of; but more fortunate were the heroes of Erin and Morven, for the ancient national songs still exist in Ireland and Scotland.

On the authority of Dr. Keating and his cotemporary Gratianus Lucius, we learn that surnames became hereditary in Ireland, in the reign of Brian Boru, who was killed in the battle of Clontarf, in the year 1014, in which battle the Danes were defeated. Previous to this time, individuals were identified by Tribe names, after the Patriarchal manner. These tribe names were formed from those of the progenitors by prefixing the following words, signifying race, progeny, descendants, etc.: *Corca, Cineal, Clan, Muinitir, Siol, Sliocht, Dal, Tealach, Ua, Ui, or O,* which signifies grandson or descendant.

It is asserted on the authority of the ancient Irish Manuscripts, that King Brian ordained that a certain surname should be imposed on every tribe or clan, in order that it might be more easily known from what stock each family was descended; and that these names should become hereditary and fixed forever. In the formation of these names, care was taken that they should not be arbitrarily assumed. The several families were required to adopt the names of their fathers or grandfathers, and those ancestors were generally selected who were celebrated for their virtues or renowned for their valor.

Many of the surnames now common in Ireland were derived from the chiefs of the several clans who fought from the chiefs of the several clans who fought against the Danes at the battle of Clontarf, under King Brian, and others were assumed from ancestors who flourished subsequently to the reign of that monarch. Soon after the invasion of Ireland by Henry the Second, in the year 1172, the Anglo-Norman and Welsh families who had obtained large grants of land in that kingdom, in reward for their military services in subduing the inhabitants from intermarriages and other causes, began by degrees to adopt the language and manners of the people, and in process of time became *"Hibernis ipis Hiberniores"*, -more Irish than the Irish themselves. They not only spoke the Irish language, but conformed to the Irish custom of surnames, by placing "MAC", which signifies "*son*", before the Christian name of the father. This was particularly the case in regard to those English and Welsh families who settled in the province of Connaught. Thus, the descendants of William De Burgos were called MacWilliam, that is, the son of William, and the De Exerters assumed the name of Mac Jordan, from Jordan De Exeter, who derived his name from Exeter, a town in Devonshire, England.

In the year 1465, in the reign of Edward the Fourth, it was enacted by statute, that every Irishman dwelling within the English pale, then comprising the counties of Dublin, Meath, Lowth, and Kildare, in Ireland, should take an English surname.

"At the request of the Commons, it is ordeyned and established by authority of said Parliament, that every Irishman that dwells betwixt or among Englishmen, in the county Dublin Myeth, Uriell, and Kildare, shall goe like to one Englishman in apparel, and shaveing off his beard above the mouth, and shall be within one year sworn the liege man of the king, in the hands of the lieutenant, or deputy, or such as he will assigne to receive this oath for the multitude that is to be sworne, and shall take to him an English surname of one towne, as Sutton, Chester Trym, Skryne, Corke, Kinsdale; or colour, as White, Black, Brown; or art or science, as Smith, or Carpenter; or office, as Cook, Butler; and that he and his issue shall use this name under payne of forfeyting of his goods yearly till the premises be done, to be levied two times by the yeare to the king's warres, according to the discretion of the lieutenant of the king or his deputy." - 5Edward IV., cap. 3.

In obedience to this law, Harris, in his additions to Ware, remarks that the *Shanachs* took the name of Fox, the *McGabhans* or *McGowans*, that of Smith, and the *Geals* the name of White. In consequence of this statute of Edward, many Irish families were induced to translate or change their names into English.

The ancient prefixes of *Mac* and *O* are still retained in Irish names, the former denoting *son* and, the latter *grandson*, or descendant. To distinguish the individual the father's name was used, and sometimes that of the grandfather after the manner of the Scripture. Thus, should *Donnel* have a son, he would be called *MacDonnel*, that is, the son of Donnel, and his grandson would be termed *O'Donnel;* O'Neal, the grandson of Neal, or the descendant of Neal; *MacNeal*, the son of Neal.

The Welsh, in like manner, prefixed *Ap*, *mab*, *ab*, or*vap* to the given or first name to denote *son*, as David Ap Howell, David the son of Howell. Evan Ap Rhys, Evan the son of Rees; Richard Ap Evan, Richard the son of Evan; John Ap Hugh, John the son of Hugh. These names are now abbreviated into *Powell, Price, Bevan and Pugh.*

The name of the ancestor was appended in this manner for half a dozen generations back, and it is no uncommon occurence to find in their old records a name like this:

"Evan-ap-Griffith-ap-Jones-ap William-ap Owen-ap Jenkin-ap Morgan-ap-Rheese".

Lower tells of a church at Liangollen, Wales, dedicated to "St. Collen-ap Gwynawg-ap Clyndawg-ap Cowdra-ap-Caradoc Freichfras-ap Llyn-Merim-ap Einion-Yrth-ap Cunedda-Wledig; a name which casts that of the Dutchman 'Inkvervankodsdorspank-kinkadrachdern' into the shade."

The old Normans prefixed *Fitz*, a son, the same as *Fils* in French, and *Filius* in Latin, to the name of the father as a patronymic, as *FitzWilliam*, the son of William, the same as Williamson.

WITZ, a termination common in Russian names, denotes *son*, and is somewhat analogous to the Nornam *Fitz*, as Peter Paulowitz, Peter the son of Paul.

SKY, is used in a similar manner by the Poles, as James Petrowsky, James the son of Peter.

ING, Teutonic, denoting progeny which Wachter derives from the British *engi*, to produce, bring forth - was affixed by the Anglo-Saxons to the father's name as a surname for the son, as *Cuthing* the son of Cuth, *Whiting* the Fair offspring, *Browning* the Dark offspring. *Gin*, in Gaelic, signifies to beget; *An* Gaelic, is a termination of nouns implying the diminutive of that to which it is annexed, and *an*, in the Welsh as an affix, conveys also the idea of *littleness*.

The termination *son* was also added to the father's name, and instead of saying John Williamson. While the English affixed *son* to the baptismal name of the father, the Welsh merely appended "s", as John Matthews, that is John the son of Matthew.

Kin, kind, ling, let et, ot, cic, cock, are diminutives.

From the German *kind*, a child, is formed the diminutive termination *kin*, as Watkin the son of Wat or Walter; Wilkin the son of Wil or William.

LING at the end of a word conveys the idea of something young or little as *darling* or *dearling, firstling, gosling*, and denotes also a situation, state, or condition of the subject to which it is applied, as hireling, worldling.

LET, Anglo-Saxon *lyt*, is sometimes used for *little*, as hamlet, ringlet, streamlet, Bartlet; *i. e.*, little Bart or Bartholomew. The termination *et* and *ot* are used in the same sense, as *Willer, Willmot*, the son of William or little William.

The termination *cic* or *cock* is also a diminutive, and signifies *little* or son, as *Hicic, Hiccock*, the son of Hig or Hugh; Babcock, the son of Bob or Robert.

The introduction of Christianity, which taught the equality of man, breaking up class distinctions, repidly advanced the adoption of surnames by the use of new or baptismal names - biblical or saints' names, anything but pagan cognomens, and this caused endless confusion; the new names were almost wholly derived from foreign languages, and as such had no local or personal signification.

The rise of feudal power was also another source of change and confusion, as retainers or feoffees often bore the name of their overlord, whose title might arise from his office at court or his most valuable estate. The division of estates led to a new distribution of surnames among the heirs, taken from the inherited estates, only the oldest retaining the father's name by reason of the name being attached to the home-estate. The charters of the 10th and 11th centuries often recited the same individual under different names - sometimes because he had lost the manor which gave him title, or had come into possession of another which was more flattering to his vanity. The law of primogeniture finally cleared away much confusion, the property becoming settled in tenure and the owner desiring to proclaim his patent of nobility; from that time the name was never lost and was further confirmed by the granting of armorial bearings.

In heraldry we find many surnames derived from "canting arms," which clearly proceed from the arms; as in Sweden, the family whose arms represented the head of an ox took the name Oxenstiern (like the well-known Frontde Boeuf); the Racines had originally placed in their coat-of-arms a rat and a swan (Rat-Cygne), but the writer of "Athalie" retained only the swan, as the rat offended his taste.

Local names form a large class of our surnames. First among these are those which are national, expressing the country whence the person first bearing the name came; as English, Scott, Irish, French, German or Gorman; Brett and Britain; Fleming, from Flanders; Burgoyne, from Burgundy; Cornich and Cornwallis, from Cornwall; Germaine, Alman and D'Almaine)D'Allomagne), from Germany; Champagne and Champneys, from Champagne, France; Gascoyne and Gaskin, from Gascony; Romayne, from Rome; Westphal, from Westphalia; Hanway, from Hainault; Janeway, a Genoese; etc., etc. These names had commonly *Le* (the) prefixed to them in old records.

The practice of taking names from patrimonial estates, or from the place of residence or birth, was prevalent in Normandy and the contiguous parts of France in the latter part of the tenth century, and was generally adopted in England and Scotland after the Conquest. These names were first given with the prefix "of" shortened frequently to *"O"* or *"a,"* signifying *from* (or it may be sometimes an abbreviation of *"at"*], as *John O' Huntingdon, Adam a Kirby*. These prefixes were after a time dropped, and *Adam a Kirby* became *Adam Kirby* and *John O' Kent* took the form of *John Kent*.

Besides these, we have a great number of local surnames which are general and descriptive of the nature or situation of the residence of the persons upon whom they were bestowed, as *Hill, Wood, Dale, Parke*, etc. The prefix *At* or *Atte* was generally used before these names as *John At Hill*, John at the hill; *James At Well, Will At-Gate, Tom At-Wood*, now Atwell, Adgate, and Atwood. *Atte* was varied to *Atten* when the following name began with a vowel, as *Peter Atten Ash*, now Nash; *Richard Atten Oak*, now Noakes or Nokes.

Sometimes *"a"* was used instead of at, as *Thomas a Becket, Jack A Deane*. *By* and *under* were used as prefixed, as *James By-field, Tom Under-hill*.

in this way men took their names from rivers and trees, from residing at or near them, as *Beck, Gill, Eden, Trent, Grant*, and *Shannon; Beach, Vine, Ashe, Bush* and *Thorn*.

Local names prefixed with *De* (from) and terminating in *ville*,' originated in Normandy, and were introduced into England at the time of the Conquest. These names were taken from the districts, towns, or hamlets of which they were possessed, or in which they had resided previously to their following the fortunes of William the Conqueror, such as *De Mandeville, De Neville, De Montague*, etc. The prefix *De* was generally dropped about the reign of Henry the Sixth. All these names introduced into England at the time of the Conquest, from Normandy and the contiguous parts of France may easily be distinguished by the prefixes, *De, Du, Des, De, La, St.*, ndd the suffixes, *Beau, Mont, Font, Fant, Ers, Age, Ard, Aux, Bois, Eux, Et, Val, Court, Vaux, Lay, Fort, Ot, Champ*, and *Ville*, the component parts of names of places in Normandy.

The greater part of English local surnames are composed of the following words or terminations: *Ford, Ham, Ley, Ey, Ney, Ton, Tun, Ing, Hurst, Wick, Stow, Sted, Caster, Combe, Cote, Thorpe, Worth, Burg, Beck*, and *Gill*. There is an ancient proverb—

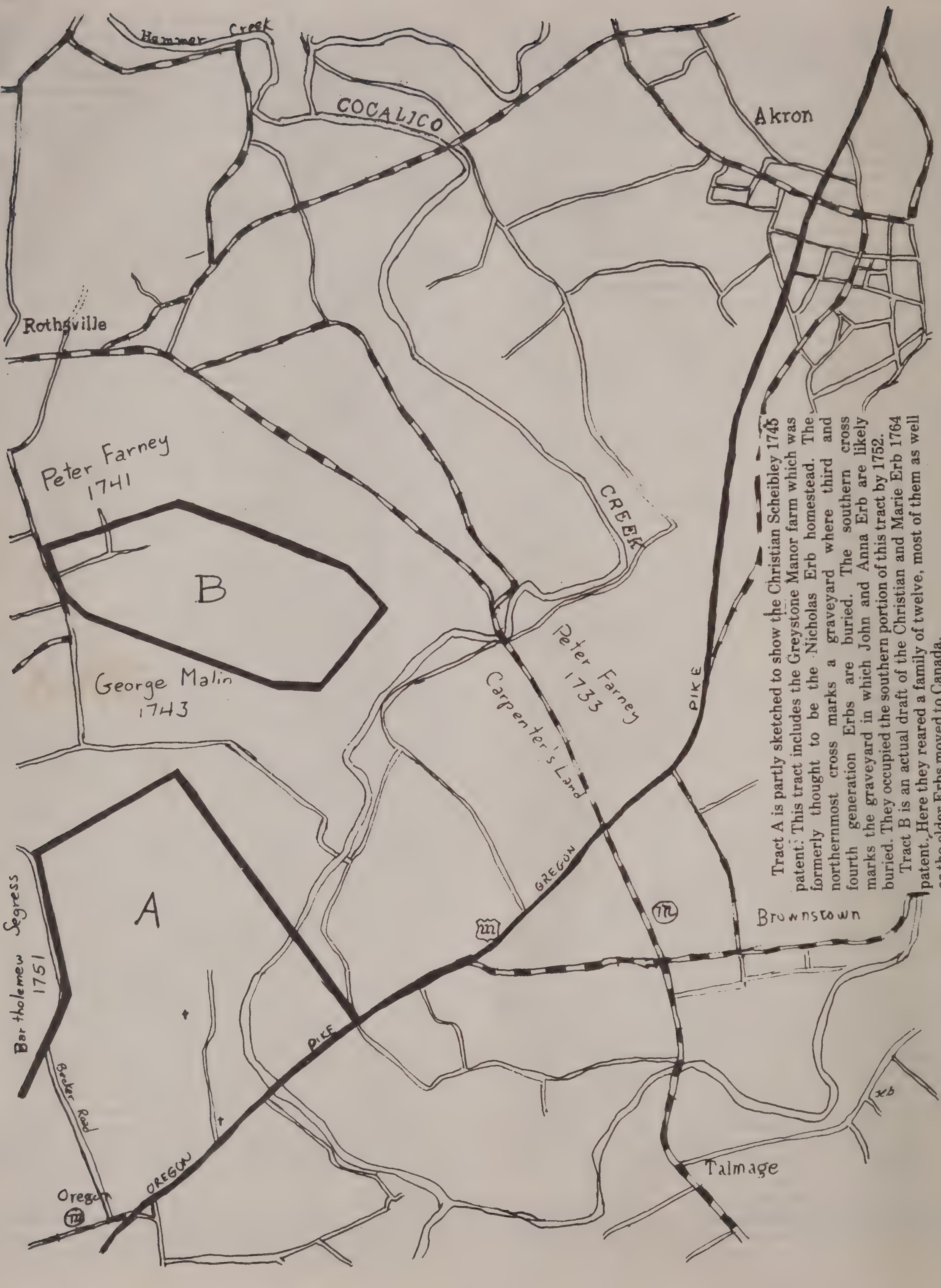
"In Ford, in Ham, in Ley and Ton
The most of English surnames run."

To which Lower had added—

"Ing, Hurst, and Wood, Wick, Sted and Field,
Full many English surnames yield,
With Thorpe and Bourne, Cote, Caster, Oke,
Combe, Bury, Don, and Stowe, and Stoke,
With Ey and Port, Shaw, Worth and Wade,
Hill, Gate, Well Stone are many made;
Cliff, March, and Mouth, and Down, and Sand,
And Beck, and Sea, with numbers stand."

FORD, Welsh, *Fford*, signifies a way, a road. *Ford*, Saxon, from the verb *Faran*, to go or pass, denotes a shallow place in a river, where it may be passed on foot, whence Bradford, Stanford, Crawford, etc.

HAM, Saxon, a home, a dwellingplace; German *heim*, a home. It is used in the names of places, as Waltham, Durham, etc. *Ham*, in some localities in England, indicates a rich, level pasture; a plot of land near water; a triangular field.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Brownstown
Talmage
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Tract A is partly sketched to show the Christian Scheibley 1745 patent. This tract includes the Greystone Manor farm which was formerly thought to be the Nicholas Erb homestead. The northernmost cross marks a graveyard where third and fourth generation Erbs are buried. The southern cross marks the graveyard in which John and Anna Erb are likely buried. They occupied the southern portion of this tract by 1752.

Tract B is an actual draft of the Christian and Marie Erb 1764 patent. Here they reared a family of twelve, most of them as well as the elder Erbs moved to Canada.

The Hour Glass

Days well spent are drops all sparkling
 In the waters deep and broad,
Of Eternity's Great Ocean,
 Every drop is held by God.
Days well spent are Shining Jewels
 Scattered in the peaceful road
Which to happiness will lead us
 To our Father's blest abode.

From the Writing Book of Lydia L. (Fisher) Petersheim

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE SAMUEL KONIG, OR KING, FAMILIES

By Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

The second child of Hannes Beiler is (51) Marie Beiler (49), born June 15, 1815, died March 12, 1868, in Mifflin County, married to Christian Peachey, born September 5, 1803. This was the second marriage for him, his first wife was Catherine King. From Christian Peachey's first marriage were born several children—namely, (52) John Peachey (51), ordained minister in Mifflin County, and married to Sarah Zook. They, in turn, were the parents of the late (53) Deacon Jonas Z. Peachey (52) and also of (54) Bishop David C. Peachey (52) of Mifflin County who was married to Catharine Peachey. Also a daughter of Christian Peachey from his first marriage was (55) Sarah Peachey (51) who became the second wife of David Stoltzfus of Lancaster County. They were the parents of the late Solomon P. Stoltzfus and were also the great-grandparents of the present BUDGET scribe, C. L. Stoltzfus of Narvon, who is on a wheel chair. From Christian Peachey's second marriage, to Marie Beiler, were born ten children—namely:

Infant, born and died in 1840.

Elizabeth Peachey, born in 1841, married to Jacob Shrock.

Nancy Peachey, born in 1843, died from drowning in 1845.

Salome Peachey, born in 1845, died in 1864.

Christian J. Peachey, born in 1846, died in 1876, married to Mary Yoder.

Katie Peachey, born in 1849.

Mary Peachey, born in 1850, married to John Kanagy.

Moses Peachey, born in 1851, died in 1853.

Lydia Peachey, born in 1853.

Samuel W. Peachey, born in 1855, married to Sarah R. Yoder, he was ordained minister and was one of the forerunners, together with Bishop John P. Zook, in establishing what is now called the Weavertown Amish Mennonite Church.

The third child of Hannes and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler is (56) John Beiler (49), born in 1816, died in 1892, married to Lydia Hertzler, born in 1820, daughter of David and Martha (Kauffman) Hertzler. They also lived for a while in Union County but by 1866 he was ordained deacon in the Upper Pequea district in Lancaster County. There is a large offspring of this family, the children are:

David Beiler, born in 1841, died single in 1882.

Lizzie Beiler, born in 1844, died single in 1922.

Joseph Beiler, married Sarah Kauffman.

Nancy Beiler, born in 1849, died single in 1915.

Jemima Beiler, married to Bishop John Zook of Lancaster County.

Mary Beiler, born in 1854, died single in 1890.

John Beiler, born in 1855, died single in 1877.

Samuel H. Beiler, married to Nancy Smucker.

Joel Beiler, born in 1859, died single in 1921.

Rebecca Beiler, born in 1862, died in 1864.

So you see there were only three of these children married out of eleven. The (57) Joseph Beiler (56) mentioned above, married to Sarah Kauffman, had only one child, Annie Beiler, married to Moses P. Stoltzfus. Their son, the late Daniel B. Stoltzfus, had been ordained a minister in what was called the King Church and their son, John K. Stoltzfus, is at present a deacon in the Amish Church in one of the Millcreek districts. (58) Jemima Beiler (56), born in 1851, married to John Zook, son of Simeon and Barbara (King) Zook, he was ordained minister in 1886 and bishop in 1910. Samuel Zook of Christiana and Elam Zook of Bareville are grandsons and also ministers. (59) Samuel H. Beiler (56), born in 1857, married first to Nancy Smucker, second to Fannie Beiler. They were the parents of Daniel Beiler who was married to Mary Beiler and lived for several years in Witmer, being a plumber and tinsmith, and later in the state of Florida. He was better known as Tinker Dan.

The fourth child of Hannes and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler was (60) Jonathan Beiler (49), born February 22, 1819, died May 20, 1876, married to Catherine Kauffman, daughter of John and Barbara (King) Kauffman of Mifflin County. Not much is known to the writer about this family except that they had three children—namely, Barbara Beiler, John Beiler, and Mary Beiler who was married to John H. Kauffman. Jonathan Beiler's moved from Mifflin County to Logan County, Ohio, where he died, and at the time of her death she lived in Noble County, Indiana.

The fifth child of Hannes and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler was (61) David Beiler (49), born June 28, 1821, married to Susan (Stoltzfus) Blank, daughter of Abraham and Susan (Fisher) Stoltzfus of Lancaster County. Susan had married her first husband, John Blank, son of Christian Blank of Juniata County. Shortly after they were married John Blank received a message that his father, Christian Blank, was sick so he left Lancaster County for Juniata County to care for his sick father but he also took sick, and died one week before his father. So a year or two later she married to David Beiler. They lived in Lancaster County and there is a very large offspring of this family living today. One of his grandsons was the late Deacon Henry Beiler, who, in turn, has two sons as bishop—namely, Enos M. Beiler and Israel M. Beiler, also, Minister Lloyd M. Beiler is a great-grandson.

The sixth child of Hannes and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler was (62) Anna, or Nancy, Beiler (49), born June 3, 1823, married to Michael Plank, born in Mifflin County in 1822, son of Christian and Rebecca (Lapp) Plank. (Note: Christian Plank and his family were of the early settlers of Union County, Pa.) Not much is known of the Michael Plank mentioned above but we believe they moved to Logan County or Wayne County, Ohio.

The seventh child of Hannes and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler was (63) Samuel Beiler (49), born June 18, 1825, died in 1868 and is buried in the Beiler Cemetery in Union County, married to Martha, or Mattie, Glick, daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Lantz) Glick of Vicksburg, Union County. To this union was born one child, named Barbara Beiler, born in 1855, died in 1942 in Mifflin County, Pa., married to David H. Smucker, son of John M. and Mary (Byler) Smucker. They had several children, who were mostly affiliated with the Mennonite and the more liberal churches.

The eighth child of Hannes and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler was (64) Elizabeth Beiler (49) but more often referred to as Betsie, was born July 6, 1827, died in 1908 in Union County, married to Widower Joel Riehl, son of John and Levina (Yoder) Riehl. Joel Riehl had married his first wife, Anna Lantz, daughter of Samuel and Magdalena (Fisher) Lantz. There were only two children born by his first marriage, the one child died at less than three years of age and one son, Samuel, was killed by an unruly team loaded with wheat. To Joel and Betsie Riehl were born eight children—namely, (65) Elias B. Riehl (64), born in 1855, married to Jennie Rhoads, they lived in Kelley Township, Union County, if it were not for this Elias Riehl there would not be too much known about the Riehl families as he was an excellent writer and some of his diaries are preserved in the library of the Bucknell University, and are of real value; (66) Sallie Kauffman Riehl (64), born in 1857, married to Samuel S. Starook of Mifflin County, she died in 1918 and is buried in the Beiler Cemetery; (67) Lizzie Riehl (64), born in 1858, married to Jonas Hooley, they moved to Champaign County, Ohio; (68) Frances Riehl (64), died at nine years of age; (69) Menno and Anna (64), died young; (70) Ezra Riehl (64), married to Verdilla Landis and lived in Snyder County; (71) Katie Levina Riehl (64), born in 1859, married to Ezra B. Kauffman. They also moved to Champaign County, Ohio, which was adjacent to Logan County where an Amish church was started around 1840.

The ninth child of Hannes and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler was (72) Jacob Beiler (49), born May 23, 1829, married to Catherine King, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) King. It appears that after Jacob married he moved to Lancaster County. His oldest daughter was (73) Annie Beiler (72), married to Samuel Yoder, son of John and Susanna (Mast) Yoder of Apple Creek, Ohio. Their only daughter to survive was Katie Yoder, married to Eli D. Hershberger, son of Daniel P. and Rebecca (Yoder) Hershberger; Eli married second to Mattie E. Miller; third to Katie Ann (Gingerich) Schmucker. This family was mostly around Apple Creek, Fredericksburg, and Holmesville but the last years some moved to New York, Canada, and Missouri. A son of Katie Yoder is Dan E. Hershberger who is a deacon at Staunton, Virginia. (74) Rebecca Beiler (72), born in 1856, married to David Esch; this was his second marriage; he was first married to Fannie Kanagy and lived in Juniata. From there they moved to Johnson County, Iowa, where Fannie died, leaving ten children. David, the father, came to Lancaster County a few years later and married Rebecca Beiler in the spring of 1891. So he brought most of the children along, the oldest son being Jacob Esch who was a Polio cripple. He was married to Mary Miller and lived on a farm north of Intercourse where his son, Samuel M. Esch, and grandson, Jacob Esch, now live. Jacob also had learned the trade as a watchmaker. Another son of David Esch was Menno Esch who was ordained minister and bishop at Fairview, Michigan, which is now a Mennonite Church. David and Rebecca (Beiler) Esch were only married about six months when they were fatally injured at a railroad crossing on the way to market. (75) Jonathan Beiler (72), born in 1861, married to Fannie Zook, born in 1856, died in 1897 in Somerset County. No children were born to this union. Jonathan married second to Elizabeth Hochstetler, born in 1868, died in 1932 in Wayne County, Ohio, daughter of Christian and Barbara (Stevanus) Hochstetler. He married third to Fannie Hochstetler, sister to his second wife. Jonathan Beiler moved from Lancaster to Dover, Delaware, from there to Norfolk, Virginia, and to Somerset County, then to Wayne County, Ohio, where he died in 1939. From Jonathan's second marriage were born five children, four of them died young or single. Ada Beiler, the oldest, was born in 1900, married to Henry S. Yoder, son of Bishop Samuel and Annie D. (Hershberger) Yoder of Wayne County, Ohio. (76) Jacob Beiler (72), born in 1863, married to Lizzie King, they were the parents of the late Minister Abraham Beiler of the Spring Garden District of Lancaster County. (77) Katie Beiler (72), born in

1865, became the third wife of John Lapp of Groffdale. (78) Noah Beiler (72), born in 1867, married to Mary King, they lived on the farm one mile northwest of Intercourse where his son, Stephen, and grandson, David Beiler, now live.

The tenth child of Hannes, or John, and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler was (79) Joshua L. Beiler (49), born in 1831 in Lancaster County, died in 1892, married to Lydia Zook, daughter of John and Anna (Hartzler) Zook of Mifflin County. They lived along the Furnace Road on one of his father's farms in Union County before moving to Lancaster County. They were the parents of ten children, several of whom died young and several were unmarried, will try and mention a few. (80) Lizzie Beiler (79), married to Benjamin Smoker; (81) Barbara Beiler (79) was the first wife of the late John Smoker of Groffdale; (82) Nancy Z. Beiler (79), married to Menno Beiler, one of their daughters, Malinda (Beiler) Lapp, is the widow of the late Bishop Jacob K. Lapp; (83) Jacob Y. Beiler (79), married to Fannie Lapp, daughter of Michael and Rebecca (Lantz) Lapp. They had sixteen children, to name a few are (84) Josiah Beiler (83) of Kinzers who was a long time BUDGET scribe and died just a few months ago; (85) Amos L. Beiler (83) who is now a bishop in Lancaster County; (86) Elizabeth Beiler (83), married to John Kinsinger of Somerset County; (87) Katie Beiler (83), married to Noah Eicher of Allen County, Indiana, now of Norfolk, New York. (88) Jonathan Beiler (79), married to Katie Fisher, one of their grandsons is Jonathan Z. Beiler, a deacon in Lancaster County.

The eleventh child of Hannes, or John, and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler was (89) Eli Beiler (49), July 3, 1834, married to Sarah Yoder, daughter of John and Salome (Yoder) Yoder of Spruce Hill, Juniata County. Eli Beiler and his wife, Sarah, began housekeeping and farming on the home farm along the Furnace Road in Union County and lived in the double house with his parents until 1861 when he died as a young man only twenty-seven years old. To them were born two children, one an infant daughter and one named (90) Lydia Beiler (89), born June 5, 1861, married to Christian Esch, born in 1859, son of Peter and Katie (Stoltzfus) Esch of South Hermitage in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County. (Note: Peter Esch was an immigrant and was with the Amish until the start of the Millwood Amish Mennonite Church in 1877.) Sarah (Yoder) Beiler, widow of Eli, married her second husband, Samuel Hertzler, son of Christian and Nancy (Zug) Hertzler, they then lived in the vicinity of Morgantown, where a good many of their descendants are living today.

The twelveth child of Hannes, or John, and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler was (91) Michael Beiler (49), born September 30, 1836, married to Catherine Glick in 1857 in Union County, daughter of David and Magdalena (Lantz) Glick. There were no children born to this union but they had one adopted child, a nephew named Isaac N. Glick, born in 1872, whose mother had died when he was about three weeks old.

foundations and a single marker remain along the lane off present State Route 272 going into the present Mike Stoltzfus from near Oregon.

Christian Jr. dates and marriage are unknown. In 1767 they bought at public sale a tract on the northern border of Warwick, and partly in Elizabeth Twp. This is most likely the Christian who is buried in a meadow a few miles north of Lititz, and died in 1812.

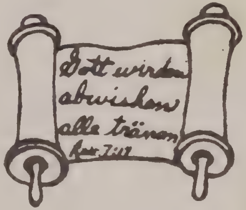
John Erb, the son of Christian (immigrant) and Marie Wenger Erb (1729 - ?) was married to Anna Erb, daughter of Nicholas (immigrant) Erb (see family number 3 following Nicholas Erb).

Another Christian Earb will was probated at Lancaster court. The probation reads that Christian Earb passed by at the house of John Schank (where he probably took sick and died). He has no relations in this Provence, he bequeathed to a ship mate, Peter Rensh, of Lancaster, County, Pennsylvania, all of his goods. This is an example of the close associations of shipmates in America.

Another noteable Erb pioneer was David Erb, born in 1811, immigrated to America about in the middle of the 19th century and settled in Holmes County, Ohio. Perhaps all the Amish Erbs in Ohio and west descend from him. In maternal lines he gives progeny through Isaac Miller and Levi P. Hershberger branches. He married Susan Yoder and located on a farm near Farmerstown, Ohio. From a Federal 1880 census record study we can give the following: Michael Erb age 40 and his wife Dena (Hershberger) age 37. Their children are Joseph 15, Valentine 13, Seth 10, Moses and Mary A. 8, John H. 6, Sarah 4, Lydia 2, Peter 4 months. Michael was born in Ohio, his father and mother were both born in Prussia.

Daniel Erb 48, Caroline (Croyle) 39, Levi 16, Daniel 14, Jacob 11, Amanda 8, Albert 4, Elizabeth 2, Daniel Erb was born in Ohio, his wife in Pennsylvania and her parents were born in Pennsylvania. The children were all born in Ohio. Daniel's father and mother are born in Prussia which shows that our immigrant David Erb was a native of Prussia.

Joseph F. Beiler



Michael Beiler's moved from Union County to Lancaster in the vicinity of Smoketown where Isaac Glick grew to manhood. He married to Malinda Stoltzfus, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Kauffman) Stoltzfus; he married his second wife, Rebecca Beiler, daughter of David and Mary (Beiler) Stoltzfus; when she died he married third time to Leah Zook, daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth (Fisher) Zook; he married fourth time to Mable C. Bradley Knight. Isaac Glick started a greenhouse and seed business, which at this time is conducted by his sons and grandsons.

To be continued

Our Fatherland In America

The Nicholas Erb Family continued

Explanation to the map on page 159: Tract A is an actual size (2000 feet per inch(draft of the Nicholas Erb homestead, warranted to accept to him by Penn proprietors on May 12, 1742 and patented to him the same day. In 1757 (Lancaster Co. Deed Book D, page 197(one half, northeast part, of this tract was conveyed from Nicholas and Catherine Erb to their son, John, the other, southwest, half to their son, Jacob, who retained the Erb homestead, built a mill on Hammer Creek which was a landmark in the community and operated by the Erbs for generations. It is marked in the 1875 Atlas and we assume was in operation to the end of the century. A remodeled part of the old mill is a dwelling house today. As Christian purchased an adjoining tract north of Hammer Creek from the Henry Landus estate which was also with the Erb family for generations and is now occupied by Mose Martin. Note the graveyard marked by a cross near the Southeast boundry slightly on the later tract. Here are a number of marked Erbs, Schantzs, Hellers and others. A row of old unmarked fieldstone indicate the immigrant Nicholas Erb family burials.

Children of Nicholas Erb

1. John (1713-1778) married to Barbara Schantz, daughter of Bishop John Schantz of Leacock Twp. They lived on the northeast half of the Erb homestead until 1755 his tract was conveyed to his brother Jacob. He obtained a warrant to a 212 acre tract in Lebanon Co. on the northeast side of Quittohello Creek before that date and which was conveyed to his brother Nicholas in 1762. If John and Barbara Erb lived there in this time is not known, but is is likely that they did. Not until 1766 did they purchase the John Gingerich (1735 patent trace of 500 acres) jointly with his brother-in-law, John Schantz. This tract is located between Lititz and Manheim near Erbs Mennonite Church. Here they lived their remaining lifetime.

The children named in his will and county deed relaease are: Jacob, John, married to Elizabeth Bomberger, Christian, Daniel married to Elizabeth Hochstetler, Peter married to Anna Scheaffer, Magdelena Married to Joseph Gingerich and died in Erie Co., Pennsylvania.

2. Nicholas Erb Jr. (1718 - 1769 married to Anna—see will page 120). Anna Married the second time to Peter Kreybill, a native of Europe, who had previously lived in the Northkill. (see map 1974 Diary page 239.(His will was probated in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, but is not available. Nicholas and Anna Erb lived in what is now Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, on a 212 acre tract on the northeast side of Quittohello Creek. After his death, the farm was purchased by Peter Kreybill and they are most likely all buried on that homestead. They had no children.

3. Anna Erb (1723 - ?) married to John Erb, son of Christian, son of Christian Erb, (immigrant). They lived on a part of the Bartholomew Segress tract on the north side of old #222 near adjoining the Cocalico Creek in Warwick Twp. Only one daughter is listed in the Erb history, although there were probably more, namely Magdelena married to Abraham, son of Christian, son of Nicholas the immigrant. They pioneered in Ontario, Canada in the early 1800's, where he is stated as founder of the Preson Mennonite Church.

4. Jacob Erb (1724 - 1800) married Magdelena Schantz. They lived on the Nicholas Erb (immigrant) homestead and are buried in that family graveyard (see map on page 158, 1977 Diary). Their children are Anna, married to a Bucher, Marie married to Henry LANDIS, John married to Edith Hull, Magdalena married to David Briker, Elizabeth married to Henry Eberly, Barbara married to David Scherch, Christian married to Susanna Hochstetler. Jacob is listed as a Revolutionary War veteran, and it is doubtful that many of this branch remained with plain church groups.

5. Catherine Erb 1726 - ?) married to John Schantz, son of Bishop John Schantz. They purchased a part of the 1735 John Kingrich tract between Lititz and Manheim in what is now Penn Twp., in 1766. In 1769 they sold their half part to John Erb and moved to Leacock Twp. where he died in 1799. According to his will (Lancaster County Will Book G1, page 517) their children are Jacob, the oldest son, Abraham, and John. Two living daughters are Catherine, widow of Michael Gerber and Anna, widow of Christian Gerber. This Erb family probably give the most progeny to present generation Amish families through Gerber lines.

6. Christian Erb (1734 - 1812) married to Marie Sherrick. They lived on a tract just east of Millport, Warwick Twp. Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania. This 140 acre tract was warranted to someone else in 1754 and patented to Christian Erb in 1764. In the early 1770's this tract was mortgaged by Peter Miller and in 1777 the tract of 140 acres plus 3´ acres were conveyed unto Peter Miller (see Lancaster Deed Book R, page 338). By 1783, they obtained a tenant warrant of a part of the (1735) John Gingerich patent, between Lititz and Manheim, jointly with his son Joseph. This was later conveyed to Joseph and Christian, with seven of his twelve children moved to Ontario, Canada. According to the Erb history, Christian is buried at Blair, Canada. They reared a family of 12 children according to the Erb family history. Susannah married to Jacob Brubaker, Joseph married to Barbara Shirk, Daniel married to Elizabeth Longenecker, John married to Magdelena Shrantz, Abraham married to Magdelena Erb, Jacob married to Salome Graybill, Benjamin married to Susanna Stauffer, Elizabeth married to a Schneider, Magdelena married to Samuel Eby, Anna married to John Bricker, Mary married to Christian Snyder, Christian married to Elizabeth Hershey. This branch of the Erb family bears a vast volume of Mennonites and possibly some Amish in Canada.

Christian Erb, another immigrant (1736) (see July Diary page 168) was born in Europe and died in 1750, he married Marie, daughter of immigrant Christian Wenger. Where they lived is not definitely known although his will was probated in Lancaster, but it is not available. Only two of his children are recorded to date, which were probably the youngest. It is likely that some of the oldest children remained in Europe. Of this family John Erb (1729 - ?) married to Anna Erb (see family number 3 under Nicholas Erb). They are likely buried on a homestead burial where only wall

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Topeka, Indiana Accident

Perry Fry, 28, was badly hurt at the Red Man Factory. A big roll of linoleum fell of it's rack and hit Perry in the face and knocked him over, then the roll landed on his body. His back was broken in 2 different places, one leg broken in 2 places, a broken jaw, some ribs broken and possibly other injuries. He was taken to the LaGrange Hospital first where he was partly treated then was rushed on to Parkview in Fort Wayne where he was still in intensive care by last reports. Perry is the son of Harvey Frys and his wife is Rosanna, daughter of Jonas C. Beachys. Their home address is Topeka R1.

Kokomo, Indiana, Accident

Mrs. Melvin C. (Laura Miller) Bontrager received two broken arms in a horse and buggy accident. The evener pin snapped while driving double causing the horses to run very jagged and after a quarter mile the buggy turned over on its side pinning her two arms beneath the buggy top. The horses broke loose and were caught about a half mile from the scene.

Laura's right arm was broken in three places and many nerves and ligaments were damaged around the wrist. After six weeks both casts were removed and everything healed as well as could be expected.

Community Notes - Allen Co., Indiana

Susan, 11 month old daughter of Amos and Rebecca Miller had the misfortune of getting her leg broken when she fell of a buggy while other children were playing with her.

Three men were injured while working together on the same house. David Schmucker received a crushed wrist and it had to be put in a cast without surgery when he fell from a scaffold. William Brandenberger got his leg hurt and had to have a cast and use crutches. Sam Schwartz was also injured, but all three are improving nicely.

Lewis Schmucker, 21. received a dislocated hip and a broken leg, when a pick up truck hit him. He had to be on his back about 2 weeks because of his hip and has 2 pins in his leg. He is presently getting around with crutches.

Community Notes - St. Mary's Co., Maryland

Fannie, 27, wife of Elmer Hertzler, is the victim of polio, which authorities think she got by close contact with a child who had a polio shot several days earlier. This is the 8th case reported in the United States so far this year. She is affected only in the right soulder and arm. She spent a week in University Hospital in Baltimore, but is home now. She is taking exercises and making slow progress, determined, if possible, to regain her strength and use of her right arm.

Mrs. Jacob J. (Emma) Kurtz was admitted to the Washington Hospital Center on Thursday, September 15. She was operated on for a tumor of the brain, but they found a puffed up blood vessel which had ruptured or was leaking, but was too near the brain to do much. They severed a nerve to relieve her headaches and she is at home, but has to be very careful, and is in bed most of the time.

Community Notes - Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Gideon F. Lapp had half of his house roof covered with a new roof sooner than expected. His wife was canning applesause and a spark started fire on the wood shingle roof. Luckily the men were at home choring. They had it fairly under control till the fire engines arrived, so smoke and water damage was minimum. It happened on September 13.

Amos Zooks, Strasburg R1, had quite a loss when their upholstery shop burned off on Friday morning, September 9, after the children had been playing with matches. The diesel and a few other things were saved.

Samuel K. Stoltzfoos, Christiana, had an 8 day stay in the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital after he got his arm in the corn binder. Three bones were broken off under the elbow and the flesh was torn. They operated and put his arm in a cast.

Community Note - Wayne Co., Ohio

Marty, 22 month old son of Melvin and Barbara (Yoder) Stutzman, Apple Creek R2, is in Doctor's Hospital in Massillon since September 22, with spinal meningitis. He seems to be improving.

Community Notes - Arthur, Illinois

Esther, daughter of Harvey Dieners was taken to the Tuscola Hospital, Saturday night, August 24, for surgery for appendicitis. She is getting along fine and returned home the 28th.

BIRTHS

Dover, Delaware

Detweiler, Raymond (Elsie B. Byler) Dover R2, a son **David**, Sept. 19
King, Daniel Jr. (Martha Nissley) Dover R6, a son **Clemens**, Sept. 18
Miller, Amos (Katie Mast) Dover R2, a son **Henry**, September 13
Miller, John H. (Emma Mast) Dover R6, a daughter **Susie**, Sept. 5
Miller, Samuel D. (Anna Mae Byler) Wyoming R1, a dau. **Anna Mae**, September 13

St. Mary's Co., Maryland

Hertzler, Enos (Fannie Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville, a stillborn son, September 20
Lee, Gideon (Mary Yoder) Mechanicsville, a son **Albert**, September 22

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Allgyer, Aaron E. (Malinda M. King) Gordonville R1, a son **Aaron K.** September 16
Beiler, Christ A. (Emma F. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R2, a dau. **Lizzie S.** September 13
Beiler, Daniel R. (Annie Beiler) Kirkwood R1, a son **Benjamin F.** Se.19
Beiler, Jacob F. (Emma Miller) Quarryville R3, a son **Ivan M.**, Sept. 11
Esh, Joseph (Sadie Smucker) Lancaster, a son **Stephen S.**, Sept. 7
Fisher, Christian Z. (Annie S. Glick) New Providence R2, a daughter **Rebecca G.**, September 30
Fisher, Henry Z. (Barbara K. Stoltzfus) Christiana R2, a son **John**, September 16
Fisher, Levi S. (Lizzie Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a son **David**, September 14
Glick, Benjamin S. (Lizzie King) Bird-In-Hand R1, a daughter **Malinda**, September 14
Glick, Christian Z. (Malinda S. Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R2, a son **Christian Z. Jr.**, September 16
Glick, Moses B. (Emma Zook) Willow St. R1, a dau. **Barbara Z.**, Sept.5
King, Christ Z. (Fannie B. Fisher) Ronks, a son **Ivan F.**, September 5
King, David K. (Anna S. Lapp) Lititz, a son **John L.**, September 20
King, John L. (Sadie E. King) Leola R1, a dau. **Annie**, September 28
King, Samuel B. (Emma K. Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son **David F.**, September 22
Kinsinger, Levi A. (Arie Z. Swarey) Kirkwood R1, a daughter **Mattie**, September 23
Petersheim, Alvin (Esther Fisher) Gap R1, a dau. **Miriam Ruth**, Sep23
Smucker, Jospeh (Naomi K. Smucker) East Earl R2, a dau. **Lydia S.**, September 27
Speicher, Aaron (Rebecca King) Witmer, a son, September 8
Stoltzfus, Benuel K. (Sadie Stoltzfus) Leola, a dau. **Mary**, Sept. 17
Stoltzfus, Christian B. (Mary L. Fisher) Christiana R1, a dau. **Susie F.**, September 4
Stoltzfus, Daniel L. (Malinda Smucker) Honey Brook R1, a dau., Sep27
Stoltzfus, David F. (Elizabeth Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a son **Levi F.**, September 2
Stoltzfus, David K. (Annie K. Stoltzfus) Morgantown R1, a daughter **Verna Joy**, September 15
Stoltzfus, Ephraim Jr. (Sylvia Beiler) Leola, a dau. **Esther B.**, Sept. 30
Stoltzfus, Ephrain K. (Barbara Lapp) Gap R1, a daughter **Aarie Ellen**, September 16
Stoltzfus, Isaac E. (Barbara K. Fisher) Nottingham R2, a son **Jacob F.**, August 30
Stoltzfus, Jacob (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R2, a son **Christ F.**, September 15
Stoltzfus, Joel (Susie Beiler) Quarryville R3, a son **Elam Mark**, Sept. 9
Stoltzfus, Jonas S. (Barbara F. Esh) Christiana R1, a son **Samuel M.**, September 29
Stoltzfus, Menno R. (Arie G. Fisher) Christiana R1, a dau. **Lydia**, September 30
Stoltzfus, Norman (Rebecca Fisher) Narvon R2, a son **Melvin**, Sept. 7
Swarey, Aaron (Fannie L. Stoltzfus) Leola, a son **John S.**, Sept. 25
Swarey, Samuel (Katie King) Ronks R2, a dau. **Elizabeth**, Sept. 21
Zook, David R. (Sadie Stoltzfus) New Holland R1, a dau. **Lena S.**, September 10
Zook, Jonas (Katie Miller) Quarryville R3, a son, September 27
Zook, Melvin K. (Mary F. King) Christiana R1, a dau. **Rebecca Jane**, September 27

Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania

Smoker, Jacob B. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Myerstown R2, a dau. **Salome**, September 30
Stoltzfus, Urie P. (Mary Esh) Myerstown R1, a son **Amos**, Sept. 29

Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania

Beiler, Levi L. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Montgomery R2, a dau. **Katie**, Sep22

Nittany Valley, Pennsylvania

King, Dannie (Barbara Blank) Mill Hall, a dau. **Katie**, September 28

Clinton Co., Pennsylvania

Kauffman, Dan (Lizzie Esh) Loganton R1, a son **Daniel**, September

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania

Peight, Ezra (Leah Kanagy) Belleville, a son **David**, September 20
Peight, Daniel (Katie Yoder) Belleville, a son **Daniel**, September 16
Wengerd, Stephen (Annie Swarey) Belleville, a dau. **Emma**, Sept. 17
Yoder, Jonas (Lydia Swarey) Belleville, a dau. **Rebecca**, September 6
Zook, Jonas (Sarah Detweiler) Belleville, a son **David**, September 20

Franklin Co., Pennsylvania

Stoltzfoos, Jonas (Susie Zook) Newburg, a daughter **Susie**, August 18

Oalkand, Maryland

Kauffman, Joseph (Abbie Schrock) Oakland, a son **Robert Dean**, July9
Petersheim, Fred (Amelia Yoder) Oakland, a son **Stephen Andrew**, September 12

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Eli J. Jr. (Mary Ann Hochstetler) a daughter **Clara**, Sept. 13

Norfolk, New York

Schwartz, Mose I. (Catherine Eicher) Norfolk R1, a son Emanuel, Sept
Wickey, Simon (Katherine Schwartz) Norwood R1, a dau. **Naomi**, Sep.

Wayne Co., Ohio

Hershberger, John J. (Lydia Miller) Fredericksburg, twin daughters **Mary and Arie**, September
Mast, Roy E. (Betty Yoder) Apple Creek, a daughter **Miriam**, August
Miller, Dan A. (Katie Ann Miller) Fredericksburg R2, a dau. **Katie**, September 13
Miller, Dan J. (Leah Schlabach) Apple Creek R1, a son **John**, Sept. 18
Miller, John J. W. (Katie Weaver) Fredericksburg R2, a daughter **Sarah**, September 7
Troyer, Henry M. (Ellen Troyer) Apple Creek R2, a dau. **Mary**, Aug27
Troyer, Melvin E. (Lizzie Miller) Apple Creek R2, a son **David**, Sept. 7
Yoder, Aden A. (Ella Mast) Apple Creek R2, a son **Allan**, September

Holmes Co., Ohio

Burkholder, Wayne (Susie Yoder) Baltic R1, a dau. **Freida**, Sept. 17
Hershberger, Eli (Ada Weaver) Fredericksburg R1, a dau. **Fannie**
Hershberger, Norman (Sarah Miller) Millersburg R3, a son **Aden**, September 17
Hochstetler, Robert (Mary Schlabach) Millersburg R5, a son **Daniel**, September 8

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Miller, Dan J. (Mattie Mast) Dundee R2, a son **Daniel**, September 10
Raber, Abe J. C. (Sara Yoder) Baltic R1, a daughter **Sara**, Sept. 13
Raber, Atlee (Ella Miller) Millersburg R6, a son **Allen**, September 12
Raber, John J. (Ruth Hostetler) Millersburg, a son **John Allen**, Sept. 6
Raber, Noah L. (Ada Miller) Mt. Hope, a daughter **Sara Ann**, Sept. 12
Raber, Robert (Amanda Miller) Millersburg R1, a son **David Allen**, September 24
Schlabach, David A. (Mary Bowman) Millersburg R4, a dau. **Betty**, September 1

Miller, Glenn L. (Anna Troyer) Sugarcreek R2, a son **Ellis Lavon**, August 28
Miller, John D. (Betty Kline) Dundee R2, a dau. **Rebecca Ruth**, Sept. 6
Schlabach, Rob R. (Mary Hochstetler) Millersburg R5, a son **Matthew Stephen**, July 20
Yoder, Robert (Marie Yoder) Millersburg R5, a dau. **Julia**, July 27
Shetler, Marion I. (Ruth Hostetler) Sugar Creek R2, a son **Daniel Dean**, August 27
Stutzman, Ivan L. (Clara Yoder) Millersburg, a dau. **Sara Ann**, Sep. 22
Swartzentruber, Jonas J. (Rachel Yoder) Fredericksburg 1, a dau. **Mary**, August 22
Troyer, Abe M. (Emma Yoder) Fredericksburg R1, a daughter **Verna**, September 21
Troyer, David (Mabel Kline) Fredericksburg R2, twin son and dau. **Atlee and Arie**, September 25
Yoder, Abe A. (Betty Shetler) Fredericksburg R2, a son **Paul**, Sept. 3
Yoder, John M. (Edna Miller) Dundee R1, a daughter **Elsie**, Sept. 9
Yoder, Levi M. (Fannie Yoder) Baltic R1, a son **Aaron**, Sept. 28
Yoder, Robert E. (Freida Troyer) Sugar Creek R2, a son, September 9
Yutzy, Ivan M. (Edna Yoder) Millersburg, a daughter **Naomi**, Sept. 20

Geauga Co., Ohio

Burkholder, Crist M. (Emma Byler) a son **Andy**, September 10
Byler, Andrew J. (Barbara Yoder) a daughter **Cynthia**, August 23
Byler, Crist A. (Linda Troyer) a son **Mervin**
Byler, Daniel J. (Mattie Raber) a daughter **Elizabeth**, September 20
Byler, Jake A. (Ida Yoder) a daughter **Sara**, September 5
Byler, Lester M. (Mary Fisher) a son **Daniel**
Byler, Levi D. (Minnie Fisher) a son **Billy**, September 22
Byler, Melvin J. (Kathryn Ann Miller) a son **Samuel**, August 26
Kauffman, Joe S. (Martha Mast) a daughter **Sadie**, August 25
Kauffman, John J. (Esther Yoder) a son **John Jr.**, September 6
Kempf, Sam J. (Nancy Detweiler) a son **Monroe**
Mast, Jake J. (Sylvia Kauffman) a daughter, September 6
Miller, Albert P. (Ella Mary Hershberger) a son **John**, September
Miller, Allen J. (Ada Yoder) a son **Joseph**, September 30
Miller, Andy A. (Anna Burkholder) a daughter **Lydia**
Miller, Dan M. (Mary Byler) a daughter **Sarah**, September 17
Miller, Freeman M. (Barbara Kauffman) a daughter **Martha**, Sept. 20
Miller, Joe J. D. (Mary Yoder) a daughter **Sadie**, September 8
Miller, Melvin M. (Sara Miller) a daughter **Susan**, September 19
Miller, Noah C. (Rebecca Miller) a daughter **Susan**
Miller, Owen M. (Cindy Miller) a daughter **Christina**
Mullet, Chester M. (Sarah Yoder) a son **Allen**, September 4
Schmucker, John Henry (Minnie Weaver) a daughter **Esther**, Aug. 26
Yoder, John H. (Minnie Weaver) a son **John Jr.**
Yoder, Jonas S. (Martha Slabaugh) a son **David**, September 19

Branch Co., Michigan

Girod, Samuel A. (Katie W. Schwartz) Reading, a dau. **Lavina**, Sept. 8
Schwartz, Jake W. (Josephine A. Girod) Quincy, a dau. **Margaret**, September 20
Zook, Aaron (Mary S. Schwartz) Montgomery, a son **Jakie**, Sept. 19

Allen Co., Indiana

Gerig, Joseph (Rosa Miller) a daughter **Mary Mae**, September 28
Lengacher, Joseph, Menno (Anna Graber) a son **Joseph**, August 24
Lengacher, Victor (Melinda Brandenberger) a dau. **Dena**, Sept. 12
Schmidt, David (Mary Schmucker) a daughter **Barbara**, September 18
Schmucker, Pete (Annette Schwartz) a son **Mervin**, September 21
Wagler, Jacob (Martha Graber) a daughter **Irene**, September 5

Adams Co., Indiana

Eicher, Harvey A. (Mandy G. Schwartz) Geneva R1, adopted boy, **Harvey**, September 21
Eicher, Jake V. (Emma Gingerich) Geneva R2, a son **David**, August 21
Eicher, Joe R. (Ida Eicher) Geneva R2, a dau. **Rebecca**, August 24
Girod, Mark J. (Anna E. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a dau. **Edna**, Aug. 23
Hilty, Menno M. (Rosie M. Schwartz) Geneva R1, a dau. **Elizabeth**, August 13
Schmidt, William (Martha M. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a dau. **Mary** August 13
Schwartz, Ben (Lovina D. Hilty) Monroe R1, a son **Roman**, Sept. 16
Schwartz, Enos D. J. (Sylvia K. Schwartz) Berne R2, a son **John**, September 21
Schwartz, John F. (Elizabeth Girod) Berne R1, a dau. **Marlene**, Aug 15
Schwartz, Levi B. (Lucy Shetler) Willshire R1, a dau. **Elizabeth**, Au 10
Schwartz, Levi G. (Josephine V. Schwartz) Berne R2, a son **Menas**, July 24
Schwartz, Noah A. (Josephine E. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a son **Joseph**, August 16
Schwartz, Peter A. (Elizabeth E. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a son **Johnny**, September 26
Schwartz, Willie G. (Lizzie K. Schwartz) Berne R2, a son **Samuel**, July 28
Shetler, Felty (Sylvia K. Hilty) Berne R1, a son **Eli**, August 4
Wickey, Martin (Emma N. Schwartz) Decatur R6, a dau. **Barbara**, August 19
Wickey, Reuben L. (Rosie M. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a son **Reuben**, August 2

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Bontrager, Delbert (Mary Lehman) Topeka R2, a son **Steven**, Sept. 7
Bontrager, Levi L. (Mary Lou Yoder) LaGrange R4, a daughter **Lydia Diane**, September 23
Fry, Felty H. (Katie Schlabach) Topeka R2, a dau. **Linda Mae**, Sept. 17
Hostetler, Alvin (Edna Miller) Ligonier R3, a son **David Ray**, Sept. 7
Lehman, Amos (Ruby Miller) Topeka R2, a son **David A.**, August 26
Lehman, Levi Jr. (Leanna Miller) Shipshewana R2, a dau. **Melaine**, September 6

Miller, Eli, (Mary Miller) LaGrange R4, a dau. **Leanna E.**, Sept. 13
Miller, Glen (Rosanna Bontrager) Topeka, a dau. **Dora Jean**, Aug. 31
Mullet, Raymond (Wanda Chupp) LaGrange R2, a son **Carl R.**, Sept. 15
Schrock, Roy (Mattie Hochstedler) LaGrange R1, a son **LaVern**, Sep10
Schrock, William (Millie Mast) LaGrange R5, a dau. **Lydiann**, Sept. 8
Smucker, Freeman E. (Sarah Hochstedler) Howe R3, a son **Melvin F.** September 20
Weaver, LeRoy (Ida Bontrager) a son **Dewayne**, September 5
Yoder, Levi (Sadie Mullet) Ligonier R3, a son **Mervin L.**, September 7
Yoder, Melvin (Leanna Byler) Topeka R2, a son **Joseph M.**, Sept. 18

Elkhart Co., Indiana

Miller, Willis (Betty Coblentz) Middlebury R2, a dau. **Miriam**, Sept. 21
Troyer, Harry (Mary Ellen Helmuth) Shipshewana R2, a daughter **Jolene Renae**, September 14
Yoder, Milo (Lorene Kauffman) Middlebury, a dau. **Jo Ann**, Sept. 4

Kokomo, Indiana

Otto, Edward Lee, (Rachel Beachy) a daughter **Malinda**, August 29

Arthur, Illinois

Hershberger, Omer (Martha L. Miller) a daughter **Treva Kay**, Sept. 6
Miller, S. Adlai (Arlene J. Herschberger) twin sons **Marvin & Mervin**, September 8
Miller, Ervin D. (Susan J. Yoder) a son **Jerry Marcus**, September 15

Guthrie, Kentucky

Coblentz, Aden (Rhoda Yoder) Guthrie R2, a son **Robert Paul**, Sept. 14

Audrian Co., Missouri

Borntreger, Noah B. (Lena Gingerich) Clark, a dau. **Ida**, September 23
Miller, Joni (Edna Stutzman) Clark, twin son and daughter **Mahlon and Millie**, September 9
Yoder, Samuel (Fannie Miller) Clark, a daughter **Edna**, September 21

Anabel, Missouri

Bontrager, Willis A. (Fannie Mae Borntreger) Macon, a son **William**, September 28
Yoder, Ray L. (Edith Borntrager) Macon a son **Johnny**, September 19

Ethridge, Tennessee

Yoder, Noah A. (Katie N. Hostetler) a son **Joe**, September 7

Jamesport, Missouri

Yoder, Vernon L. (Fannie Bontrager) a daughter **Polly**, September 29
Yutzy, Fred W. (Sara Ann Schrock) a daughter **Ida**, September 11

Seymour, Missouri

Schwartz, Amos N. (Mary E. Schwartz) a son **Aaron F.**, September 19

Mayes Co., Oklahoma

Miller, Chris (Mattie Bontrager) Chouteau, a girl **Mildred Lorene**, August 22
Yoder, Emanuel (Minnie Gingerich) Chouteau, a girl **Irene Kay**, Sept 7

Buchanan Co., Iowa

Bontrager, Emanuel B. (Katie Kurtz) a son **Emanuel Jr.**, September 1
Gingerich, Dan U. (Leanna Schmucker) Hazleton, a son **Eurmon**, Au26
Hershberger, John (Ida Gingerich) Independence, a dau. **Ada**, Sept. 13
Raber, Eli (Mary Helmuth) Hazleton, a dau. **Amanda**, September 4

Johnson Co., Iowa

Yoder, Melvin (Lizzie Mast) a son **David Lee**, September 8

Cashton, Wisconsin

Hochstetler, Ben (Lydia) a son **Christian**
Schmucker, Menno (Emma Beachy) a daughter **Mary**, September 2
Yoder, Atlee (Edna Mast) a son **Vernon**, September 4

Wilton, Wisconsin

Yoder, Marvin (Katie Miller) a daughter **Clara**, September 14

Canton, Minnesota

Petersheim, John H. (Verna Hershberger) a son **Aaron**, September 11

St. Charles, [Utica] Minnesota

Stutzman, John (Mary Hershberger) a son **Menno**, September 23

Milverton, Ontario

Albrecht, Melvin (Catherine Wagler) a son **Samuel**, September 17
Kuepfer, David K. (Adeline) a son **Laverne**, September 21
Kuepfer, John J. (Kathleen) a daughter **Muriel**, September 22
Kuepfer, Jonas (Laura) a son **Eli**, September 5
Streicher, Cornelius (Rosena Kuepfer) a dau. **Shirley Anne**, Sept. 13
Striecher, David (Eva Jantzi) a daughter **Juanita Jean**, September 15

Grey Co., Ontario

Stutzman, John J. (Sarah Hershberger) a son **Moses**, September 17
Yoder, Peter J. (Barbara Zook a son **Joseph**, September 11

OBITUARIES

BONTRAGER, Abigail, 62, Topeka R1, Indiana

died Tuesday, September 20, in her home following an illness of three months. She was born in LaGrange County near Topeka December 4, 1914, and daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Troyer) Raber. She was married in Topeka December 12, 1935, to Emanuel M. Bontrager, who survives. Also surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Edward (Anna) Hostetler of LaGrange, Mrs. Melvin (Irene) Miller of Shipshewana, and Mrs. Calvin W. (Katie) Miller, Mrs. Orla (Esther) Miller and Mary Alice Bontrager all of Topeka; two sons, Henry of Topeka and Levi of Goshen; her mother, Mrs. Anna Raber of Topeka; 25 grandchildren; three sisters, Mary, Mattie and Saloma Raber, all of Topeka, and four brothers, Moses Raber of Dundee, Ohio, Abe Raber of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Andrew Raber of Shipshewana and Joni of Middlebury.

Funeral services were held Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the family home with Bishop Calvin Lambright officiating. Burial was in the Hawpatch Cemetery.

BYLER, Leah, 80, Belleville, Pennsylvania

died at her home, September 11. She was born September 20, 1896, in Shrader, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of the late Joas O. and Barbara (Yoder) Yoder. She was married to Jacob H. Byler who died in 1958. Surviving are 1 son and 6 daughters: Jacob E. Byler, Belleville; Mrs. Ezra J. (Lavina) Kanagy, Star Route, Belleville; Mrs. Ezra T. (Leah) Hostetler, Selinsgrove; Mrs. Eli D. (Linda) Peachey, Belleville; Mrs. Samuel T. (Sallie) Swarey, Rebersburg; Mrs. Daniel R. (Bertha) Peachey, Star Route, Mill Creek; Mrs. David E. (Lena) Zook, Belleville. A sister Mrs. David (Sallie) Zook, Bird-In-Hand; the following step brothers and sisters: Crist, Amos, Daniel, Samuel Yoder, Mrs. Christ (Lizzie) Fisher, Mary Yoder, all of Lancaster, Mrs. Amos (Rebecca) Stoltzfus, Mechanicsville, Maryland. 53 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Funeral services were held at the home of David E. Zooks, by Daniel Yoder. Burial was in the Locust Grove Cemetery.

EICHER, Ernest M., 3 months, Geneva R1, Indiana

died at the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Saturday, September 3. Death was due to a heart ailment since birth. He was born May 27, 1977, in Decatur, the son of Ben B. and Margaret N. (Wengerd) Eicher. Surviving with the parents are the following brothers and sisters: Samuel, Emanuel, Mrs. Marvin A. (Irene) Schwartz, Christine, Dena, Mary, Margaret, Solomon, Mervin, Elmer, Paul, and Vernon; two nephews; grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Eicher of Sugar Creek, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Noah S. Wengerd of Geneva.

Funeral services were held at the home of the parents on September 6. Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

KANAGEY, Ella, 74, Mifflintown R1, Pennsylvania

died after a short illness of acute Leukemia on September 29, 1977, age 74 years, 4 months, and 2 days. She was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on May 17, 1903, and was the daughter of Frank and Lena (Gardner) Schultz. Her mother died when she was a baby and she was put in a Mennonite childrens home in Millersville, and was then adopted by Ben Z. Peacheys of Belleville. She joined the Amish Church in her youth and was married to Moses J. Kanagy on November 21, 1922, he preceded her in death on May 4, 1976, she was baptized and married by Bishop David Peachey. They started farming in Mifflin Co., and lived at Dover, Delaware during the depression about 10 years, and also lived in Lawrence Co., Pennsylvania 5 years, and then moved to Juniata in 1956. She is survived by 4 sons and 3 daughters: Henry, David, Mrs. David N. (Lydia) Peachey, Mrs. Aaron (Annie) Peachey all of Belleville; Moses A., Mrs. Jacob (Elizabeth) Peachey of Mifflintown, and Daniel of Thompsontown.

Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Lydia On October 1, by Preacher Dan L. Kanagy and David L. Smoker. Burial was at Amish Van Wert Cemetery, sermon by Bishop Tobe Petersheim and leid "Gute nacht ihr meine lieben" by Abie Renno.

MILLER, David, 1 day, Centreville, Michigan

died at the Kalamazoo Hospital on Tuesday, September 21. He was born in Three Rivers Hospital, September 20, and was the son of Harvey and Amanda (Schrock) Miller. He is survived by the following brothers and sister: Alvin, Freida, and LeRoy all at home; grandparents, Henry J. and Susie (Bontrager) Miller, and Alvin J. Polly (Bontrager) Schrock, Indiana.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 23, at Henry Millers. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery, Centreville.

MILLER, Fannie, 77, Arthur, Illinois

died September 20, at the age of 77 years, 5 months, and 4 days. She was born April 16, 1900 at Arthur, Illinois, and was the daughter of Eli M. and Mary J. (Miller) Miller. She is survived by three brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 23, at the Beachey Rest Home where she had been staying since August 1974. The sermon was by Bishop Steve Kaufman, Minister Albert Yoder of Ohio, and Bishop William A. Mast; Psalm was read by Amos Miller. Burial was in Otto Cemetery.

PEACHEY, Susie Y, 74, Pennsylvania
died August 5, 1977. She was born September 9, 1902, and died August 5, 1977, she was the daughter of Reuben K. and Nancy (Sharp) Peachey. She was married to Joseph M. Kanagy who preceded her in death on October 30, 1945. She then remarried to John M. Peachey who preceded her in death on February 13, 1969. Surviving are the following step-children: Mrs. John (Nancy) Renno; Mrs. Eli (Susie) Yoder, both of Ronks; Jacob Peachey, Belleville; Abram Peachey, Madisonburg; the following brothers and sisters: Jacob J., Emanuel K., both of Allensville; Mrs. Levi (Lydia) Kanagy, Belleville; 9 step-grandchildren, 24 step-great-grandchildren, and 4 step-great-great-grandchildren. Her parents and 2 step-children preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the home of a nephew, Daniel Kanagy, by Joshua Renno and Jacob Stoltzfus

SCHWARTZ, John J. Jr., 83, Monroe, Indiana
died Monday, September 5, at the Adams County Memorial Hospital after suffering a stroke September 3 at the home of his son Amos R. Schwartz. He was a retired farmer and was born in Allen County on December 7, 1893. He was the son of John J. and Catherine (Burkholder) Schwartz Sr. He was married to Rosina J. Schwartz, who died February 1969. Surviving are six sons: Monroe, Joseph R., Jacob R., Noah R., Menno R., Amos R., and Christ R., all of Monroe R1; seven daughters: Mrs. Menno L. (Fannie) Schwartz; Mrs. Dan M. (Katie) Schwartz; Mrs. Daniel E. (Rosie) Hilty; Mrs. Joseph A. (Barbara) Schwartz; Mrs. Menno W. (Mary) Schwartz; Mrs. Levi D. J. (Anna) Schwartz and Lovina Schwartz; 105 grandchildren 189 great-grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, and 5 step-great-grandchildren; three brothers: Jacob J. Schwartz, Reading, Michigan; Sam J. and Joseph J. Schwartz of Jamesport, Missouri; three sisters: Mrs. Peter (Barbara) Eicher, Monroe; Mrs. Samuel J. (Elizabeth) Schwartz, Bowling Green, Missouri; and Mrs. Noah E. (Mary Schwartz of Kendallville; a son Samuel R., a brother and 2 sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the home of his son Amos R., on September 8. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery.

SWARTZENTRUBER, Simon D., 85, Oakland, Maryland
died at the Oakland Hospital, September 10, of pneumonia and heart failure. He is survived by 5 sons and 1 daughter, 32 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, and two brothers Jacob and Harvey.

Funeral services were by Norman Schrock at the house and Norman Swartzentruber of Delaware and Milt Kinsinger of Virginia at the church. Six of his grandsons were pallbearers. He was the oldest member of the church.

TROYER, Arie, Holmes Co., Ohio
was stillborn Sunday, September 25. She was the daughter of David and Mabel (Kline) Troyer. She is survived with her parents by her twin brother Atlee; Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Aden Troyer of Fredericksburg R2; and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kline of Millersburg. She was buried the following day.

WEAVER, Jonas J., 70, LaGrange R4, Indiana
died Thursday, September 22, in Elkhart General Hospital following an illness of several months. He was born in LaGrange County February 8, 1907, and was the son of Joas and Lydia (Troyer) Weaver. He was married February 11, 1937 to Edna Troyer, who survives. He is also survived by eight daughters, Mrs. Ervin (Ella) Yoder, Mrs. Raymond (Helen) Hochstetler, Mrs. Lester (Edna) Bontrager and Mrs. David (Susie) Wengerd, all of LaGrange, Mrs. Glen (Lydia) Yoder of Topeka, and Mrs. Daniel (Anna) Jacobs, Mrs. Elva (Elsie) Miller and Mrs. Howard (Esther) Miller, all of Ligonier; three sons, Calvin of LaGrange, Harry of Topeka and Harley of Amherst, Wisconsin; 51 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Amos (Edna) Hostetler of Shipshewana and Mrs. John (Millie) Mast of LaGrange; and two brothers, David and Levi, both of LaGrange.

Funeral services were held at the home of Daniel Bontrager, Shipshewana, Monday at 9:30 A.M. with Bishop David Bontrager officiating. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

YODER, Ivan J., 17, Big Prairie R1, Ohio
died in an accident in Apple Creek near his job on Saturday, September 3. He was born on April 16, 1960 to Jacob and Sarah (Miller) Yoder who preceded him in death. He is survived by a step-mother, 3 brothers, Roman of Big Prairie R1, Roy of Columbus and Eli at home; 2 sisters, Mrs. Abe (Lizzie) Miller of Shilok and Clara at home.

Funeral services were held September 6, at the home of Mrs Jacob Yoder, Big Prairie R1, by Bishop David Raber. Burial was in the Raber Cemetery.

ZOOK, Jacob E. 21, Oakland Maryland
died July 6, at his home, after being ill with a brain tumor for a year. He was 21 years, 10 months and 5 days old. He became blind in October and bedfast after New Year. He is survived by his parents, 3 sisters and 1 brother.

Funeral services were held by Edwin Beachy at the house and Eli Beachy and Norman Schrock at the church. They had 6 boys as pal bearers. Many attended from out of state.

MARRIAGES

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

Mullet, Yoder - Jonas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mullet, to Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Yoder, Guys Mills, by Jake E. Slabach of Smicksburg, September 15.

Corneautville, Pennsylvania

Coblentz, Nisley - Andy, son of Jonas and Laura Coblentz, to Clara Mae, daughter of Jacob and Ada Nisley, by Bishop Menno Fisher.

Wayne Co., Ohio

Kurtz, Troyer - David, son of Dan and Esther (Miller) Kurtz, to Ada, daughter of Bishop Atlee J. and Katie (Burkholder) Troyer, by Bishop Roman Mast, September 22.

Yoder, Miller - Leroy, son of the late Henry J. and Edna (Yoder) Yoder, to Elsie, daughter of Vernon M. and Ada (Troyer) Miller, September 29.

Holmes Co., Ohio

Yoder, Yoder - Eli, son of Preacher and Mrs. Crist C. Yoder, Millersburg R3, TO Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Yoder, Millersburg R3, September 15, by Bishop Floyd Troyer.

Miller, Yoder - Fred, son of Roy J. and Abbie (Miller) Miller, to Esther, daughter of Andy C. and Emma (Yoder) Yoder, September 15, by Bishop John J. Miller.

Mast, Hershberger - Dan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan P. Mast, to Ella Kay, daughter of Dan S. and Amanda (Miller) Hershberger, on September 22, by Bishop Mahlon Hostetler.

Geauga County, Ohio

Miller, Wengerd - Pete, son of Crist P. and Mary Alice Miller, to Savannah, daughter of Gid N. and Bertha Wengerd, by Bishop Dan N. Wengerd, September 1.

Mast, Kurtz - Allen, son of Noah J. and Mattie Mast, to Nancy, daughter of Wallace J. and Ada Kurtz, September 8.

Gingerich, Schrock - Robert, son of Jonas N. and Emma Gingerich, to Linda, daughter of Dan M. and Emma Schrock, September 20.

Byler, Byler - Andy, son of Ervin A. and Anna Byler, to Gertie, daughter of Mrs. Jake E. Byler, September 30.

Allen County, Indiana

Schmucker, Delagrange - Daniel, son of David and the late Anna (Graber) Schmucker, to Martha, daughter of Elmer and Emma (Lengacher) Delagrange, by Bishop Victor Graber, September 29.

Adams County, Indiana

Neuenschwander, Wickey - Jonas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Neuenschwander, Geneva R2, to Katie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos J. Wickey, Berne R1, August 21.

Eicher, Schwartz - Pete A. J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos N. Eicher, Geneva R2, to Ruby E., daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Levi H. Schwartz, Monroe R1, September 8.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Hochstedler, Hochstedler - Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hochstedler, Wisconsin, to Miriam, daughter of Willis and Katie (Lehman) Hochstedler.

Schrock, Miller - Jacob, son of Preacher Levi J. and Mary (Bontrager) Schrock, to Ramah, daughter of Bishop Amos N. and Clara (Lambright) Miller, September 7.

Kaufman, Mullet - Elmer, son of Raymond and Edna Mae (Mast) Kaufman, Centreville, Michigan, to Kay Ellen, daughter of Alvin and Barbara (Yoder) Mullet, by Bishop Perry L. Bontrager, September 7.

Wingard, Lambright - Mervin, son of Samuel and Sadie (Miller) Wingard, to Marilynn, daughter of Wilbur and Wilma (Lehman) Lambright, September.

Lambright, Miller - Omer, son of Freeman and Susan (Bontrager) Lambright, to Elmina, daughter of Jacob W. and Lena (Yoder) Miller, September.

Bontrager, Knepp - Ira, son of Andrew L. and Katie (Thomas) Bontrager, to Mary, daughter of Enos and Ella N. (Hershberger) Knepp, September.

Kokomo, Indiana

Otto, Hostetler - Daniel, son of Simon and Edna Marie (Lee) Otto, to Martha, daughter of Preacher and Mrs. Joe E. Hostetler, Arthur, Illinois, August 16.

Arthur, Illinois

Gingerich, Plank - Elmer Ray, son of John and Maggie (Miller) Gingerich, to Barbara E., daughter of Jonas J. and Gertie S. (Yutzy) Plank, September 29.

Anabel, Missouri

Schwartz, Miller - David, son of Sammie S. and Lizzie (Wickey) Schwartz, Bowling Green, to Susie, daughter of Chriss L. and Amanda (Yoder) Miller, September 29, by Bishop Jake Eicher.

Reno County, [Haven] Kansas

Yoder, Borntreger - Howard, son of Monroe and Katie Ann (Yoder) Yoder, Middlebury, Indiana, to Ida, daughter of Amos P. and Sara (Schrock) Borntreger of Haven, September 8, by Bishop Jonas P. Borntreger.

Johnson County, Iowa

Miller, Bontrager - Duane, son of Emory and Edna (Bontrager) Miller, to Minerva, daughter of Eli M. and the late Anna (Miller) Bontrager, September 22, by Bishop Henry B. Miller

Aylmer, Ontario

Wagler, Miller - Daniel, son of Abner and Katie (Graber) Wagler, to Anna, daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Yoder) Miller by Jacob Eicher, on September 22.

Milverton, Ontario

Wagler, Kuepfer - Eli, son of Enos and Mary Wagler, to Margaret, daughter of Sam and Sarah Kuepfer, September 8, by Bishop Amos Albrecht

BAPTISMS

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Greenland District
September 18, by Bishop John M. Beiler
Samuel, son of David and Sadie King
Sadie, daughter of Elam and Emma Glick
Annie, daughter of Melvin and Rebecca Lapp
Lizzie, daughter of Eli and Sadie Beiler
Malinda, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca Beiler
Jonas Esh District
September 18, by Bishop Israel Beiler
Lizzie, daughter of Jacob and Saloma (Esh) Stoltzfus
Rachel, daughter of Widower Omar Fisher
Edna, daughter of Jacob and Edna (Stoltzfus) King
Annie, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Fisher) Zook
Mary, daughter of Jacob and Saloma (Esh) Stoltzfus
Lower Middle Pequea District
September 18, by Bishop Amos G. Esh
Jonathan, son of Joshua and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Beiler
David, son of Henry A. and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Esh
Levi, son of Bennie and Susie (King) Fisher
Sarah, daughter of Amos G. and Katie (Huyard) Esh
Naomi, daughter of Eli and Emma (Esh) King
Susie, daughter of Amos F. and Malinda (King) Esh
Sarah, daughter of Christian G. and Malinda (Esh) Esh
Stephen Esh District
September 25, by Bishop Amos G. Esh
Amos, son of Gideon and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Dienner Jr.
Stevie, son of Stephen E. and Rebecca (King) Stoltzfus
Barbara, daughter of Lloyd and Annie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Susanna, daughter of Samuel K. and Naomi (Beiler) Stoltzfus
Rebecca, daughter of Amos M. and Lydia (Lapp) King
Weavertown District
September 25, by Bishop Aaron Beiler
Naomi, daughter of Amos and Susie (Fisher) Fisher
Mary Ann, daughter of Jacob and Leah (Stoltzfus) Riehl
Naomi, daughter of Jonas and Annie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Susie, daughter of John and Mary (King) Petersheim
Lydia, daughter of Elmer and Fannie (King) Petersheim
Sylvia, daughter of Leroy and Leah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
East Ninepoint District
September 26, by Bishop Sammie Kauffman
John, son of John and Barbara (Glick) Blank
Daniel,son ofJohn and Sarah (King) Ebersol
Amos, son of Jospeh and Malinda (Smucker) Blank
Amos, son of Deacon Bennie and Barbara (Esh) Kauffman
Mary, daughter of John and Emma (Stoltzfus) Kauffman
Fannie, daughter of Eli and Fannie (Blank) Esh
Elizabeth, daughter of John and Barbara (Glick) Blank
Rebecca, daughter of John and Emma (Stoltzfus) Kauffman
Rebecca, daughter of Noah and Priscilla (Stoltzfus) Beiler
Malinda, daughter of John and Sarah (King) Ebersol

Union District
September 18, by Bishop John B. Stoltzfus
Jonathan, son of Isaac K. and Annie (Beiler) Stoltzfus
David, son of John and Emma (King) King
John, son of Israel S. and Savilla (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Jonas, son of Sarah (King) and the late Ephraim S. Lapp
Benjamin, son of Abram K. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Lapp
Samuel, son of John B. and Susie (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Samuel, son of Israel S. and Savilla (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Annie, daughter of Sarah (King) and the late Ephraim S. Lapp
Naomi, daughter of Isaac K. and Annie (Beiler) Stoltzfus
Mary, daughter of John K. and Hannah (King) Esh
Rachel, daughter of John B. and Susie (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Fannie, daughter of Jonathan S. and Mattie (Lapp) Fisher
Sadie, daughter of Abram K. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Lapp
Isaac Diener District
September 11, by Bishop John U. Stoltzfus
Samuel, son of Ben and Annie (Stoltzfus) Allgyer
Paul, son of John and Sylvia (Zook) Stoltzfus
Mary Ann, daughter of John and Sylvia (Zook) Stoltzfus
Susanna, daughter of Omar and Barbara (Fisher) King
Rebecca, daughter of Isaac and Barbara (Glick) Diener
Linda, daughter of Bennie and Verna (Stoltzfus) Lapp
Anna, daughter of David and Lydia (Beiler) Stoltzfus
Sadie, daughter of Elam and Mary (Dienner) Beiler
Linda, daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Smoker) Stoltzfus
Katie, daughter of David and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Beiler
North Honey Brook District
September 18, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman
Elam, son of Jonas and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Aaron, son of Lizzie (Esh) and the late Jacob King
Malinda, daughter of Lizzie (Esh) and the late Jacob King
Annie, daughter of David and Amanda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Susie, daughter of Samuel and Susie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus

South Honey brook District
September 25, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman
Aaron, son of John and Miriam (Stoltzfus) King
Daniel, son of John and Rebecca (King) Fisher
Daniel, son of Emanuel and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Henry, son of Levi and Annie (Stoltzfus) Kauffman
Jacob, son of Christ and Mary (King) Stoltzfus
Anna, daughter of John and Betty (Beiler) Stoltzfus
Sally, daughter of John and Rebecca (King) Fisher
Anna, daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Kauffman
Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Katie (Zook) Stoltzfus
Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Sadie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Kinzer district
September 18, by Bishop Henry Fisher
LevI Jr., son of Levi and Mary (King) Fisher
Alvin, son of Levi and Mary (King)
Davie, son of John and Malinda (Beiler) Zook
Jonas, son of Jake and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Beiler
Danny, son of Christ and the Malinda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfoos
Jacob, son of Sammie and Fannie (Beiler) Stoltzfoos
Lizzie, daughter of John and Malinda (Beiler) Zook
Linda, daughter of Ben and Priscilla (Beiler) Stoltzfus
Anna Mary, daughter of Jake and Emma (Stoltzfus) Glick
Arie, daughter of Amos and Katie (Esh) Stoltzfus
Jonas Ebersol
September 18, by Jonas Ebersol
Eli, son of Preacher John E. and Malinda (King) Lapp
Bennie, son of Alvin and Mary (Beiler) Fisher
Susie, daughter of Preacher Jonas and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) King
Emma, daughter of Jacob and Emma (Beiler) Peachey
Sadie, daughter of Bishop Jonas and Sarah (Riehl) Ebersol
Naomi, daughter of Melvin and Katie (Stoltzfus) Beiler
Sarah, daughter of Preacher John E. and Malinda (King) Lapp
Emma, daughter of Preacher Jonas and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) King
Lydiann, daughter of Bishop Jonas and Sarah (Riehl) Ebersol
Mt. Tabor District
September 25, by Jonas Ebersol
Samuel, son of Jacob and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Riehl
Kathryn, daughter of David and Ruth (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Lapp) King
Sarah, daughter of Preacher Samuel and Fannie (King) King
Lydiann, daughter of Eli and Annie (Stoltzfus) Smucker
Katie, daughter of Jacob and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Riehl
September 25, by Bishop Enos M. Beiler
John, son of Jonas and Fannie (Riehl) Ebersol
Elmer, son of Christ and Ada (Ebersol) King
Jacob, son of David and Leah (Beiler) Ebersol
John, son of Samuel and Annie (King) Fisher
Sarah, daughter of Christ and Ada (Ebersol) King
Barbara, daughter of John and Lizzie (Riehl) Stoltzfoos
September 25, by David Blank
Malinda, daughter of John and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Allgyer
Lavina, daughter of Isaac and Marion (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Annie, daughter of John and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Allgyer
Lydia, daughter of Jacob and Emma (Glick) King

St Mary's Co., Maryland
East District, September 11
Samuel, son of Levi and Mary Stoltzfus
Isaac, son of John and Barbara Hertzler
Christie, son of Isaac and Sarah Fisher
Lizzie, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Stoltzfus
Mary, daughter of John and Barbara Hertzler
Lizzie, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Stoltzfus

West District, September 25
Samuel, son of Levi and Annie Swarey
Solly Esh, son of Solly and Emma Yoder
Reuben, son of Uria and and Mary Yoder
Bennie, son of Christ and Susie Byler
Bennie, son of Gideon and Mary Lee
Lizzie, daughter of Jacob and Saloma Hostetler
Sarah, daughter of Reuben and Ada Stoltzfus
Lizzie, daughter of Levi and Annie Swarey
Nancy, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Hertzler
Susie, daughter of Jacob and Saloma Hostetler
Katie, daughter of Levi and Annie Swarey

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania
Lower Middle District
September 4, by Bishop Joshua Renno
Enos, son of Ezra and Malinda (Renno) Peachey
Barbara, daughter of Henry and Katie (Peachey) Kanagy
Tena, daughter of Jacob and Nannie (Yoder) Byler
Mary, daughter of Jonas and Druscilla (Swarey) Renno
Katie, daughter of Israel and Katie (Peachey) Peachey
Upper District
September 4, by Bishop Emanuel K. Peachey
Daniel, son of Preacher Shem and Fannie (Swarey) Peachey
Jesse, son of Jesse S. and Nancy (Peachy) Peachey
Nancy, daughter of Jesse S. and Nancy (Peachey) Peachey
Ruth, daughter of Joseph and Susie (Yoder) Detweiler
Lydia, daughter of Stephen and Nancy (Peachey) Swarey
Lizzie, daughter of Pre. Korie M. and Elizabeth (Swarey) Yoder
Nancy, daughter of Deacon John and Mary (Renno) Swarey
Old Order Valley District
September 4, by Bishop Crist B. Peachey
Samuel, son of Preacher Jacob and Ella (Byler) Swarey
Thomas, son of Bishop Crist and the late Nannie (Swarey) Peachey
Ada, daughter of Preacher Jacob and Ella (Byler) Swarey
Sylvia, daughter of Elsie (Byler) and the late Jesse Swarey
Linda, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Swarey) Peight
Naomi, dau. of Bish. Crist and the late Nannie (Swarey) Peachey

Franklin Co., Pennsylvania
East Cumberland Valley District
September 18, by Bishop Christ L. Esh
Sylvan Fisher, son of Elam and Florence Fisher

Adams Co., Pennsylvania
September 18, by Bishop Enos M. Beiler
Henry, son of Jonathan and Lydia (Swarey) Stoltzfus

Wayne Co., Ohio
East District
September 4, by Amos Miller
Eli, son of Mrs. Ella Miller
Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milt R. Troyer
David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose B. Troyer
Edna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mose B. Troyer
September 4, by Bishop Jacob R. Troyer
Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Mast
David, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller Jr.
Maysville East District
September 4
Abe, son of Alvin and Mary Ann (Miller) Keim
John, son of Jacob and Emma (Keim) Miller
Andy, son of Eli and Lizzie (Weaver) Keim
Esther, daughter of Jonas and Susie (Mast) Yoder
Katie, daughter of Eli J. C. and Mary (Byler) Miller

Holmes Co., Ohio
Mt. Hope East District, September 4
Ella, daughter of Joe Jr. and Mattie (Troyer) Miller
Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hershberger
David E. Yoder District
Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin A. Hershberger
Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon B. Troyer
Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Yoder
Eli A. Yoder District
By Bishop Henry Stutzman
Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. W. Miller
Edwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Yoder
Aden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Wengerd
Lydia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe B. Miller
Nancy, daughter of Mrs. Jonas M. Yoder
Katie, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Eli A. Yoder

Joe Hershberger - West District
Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Raber
Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David D. Miller
Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beachy
Dena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Slabach
Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Yoder
Mary, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Miller
Roman Miller District, by Bishop Levi Beachy
Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli D. Yoder
Aden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert V. Raber
Alvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davy Slabach
Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy J. D. Yoder
Levi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy J. D. Yoder
August 28, by Bishop Andy J. Mast
Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aden Keim
Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aden Keim
Roy E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Weaver
Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Weaver
Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kuhns
September 4, by Bishop John J. Miller
Aden, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Chupp
Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Yoder,
Ella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Troyer
Laura, daughter of Minister and Mrs John M. Miller
Linda, daughter of Minister and Mrs. John M. Miller
Luella, daughter of Minister and Mrs. John M. Miller
Emanuel D. Miller District
Norman, son of Emanuel D. and Mabel Miller
Gideon, son of Dan B. and Fannie Troyer
Abe, son of Henry A. and Anna Mast
Albert, son of Ervin J. and Ida Schlabach
Vesta, daughter of Emanuel D. and Mabel Miller
Ada, daughter of Dan B. and Fanny Troyer
Mary, daughter of Jacob N. and Mary Yoder
Mary, daughter of John A. and Verna Raber
Ida, daughter of John E. and Anna Yoder
Clara, daughter of Amanda and the late Andy Gingerich
Andy N. Troyer District
Edward, son of Mose A. and Edna Erb
Mary, daughter of Alvin R. and Mattie Miller
Ruth Ann, daughter of Herman W. and Fannie Yoder
Melvin J. Miller District
Leroy, son of Melvin J. and Mattie Miller
Albert, son of Ben A. and Anna Troyer
Esther, daughter of Ben A. and Anna Troyer
Amanda, daughter of Atlee C. and Edna Miller
Miriam, daughter of Sylvanus and Alma Miller
Dan G. Yoder District
William, son of Andy N. and Susan Yoder
John, son of Eli and Fannie Troyer
Verna, daughter of Emanuel A. and Mary Nisley
Erma, daughter of Albert A. and Esther Raber
Mary Esther, daughter of Albert A. and Esther Raber
Andy E. Yoder District
Mattie, daughter of Susie and the late John S. Troyer
Ada, daughter of Levi and Fannie Hershberger
Laura, daughter of Andy J. and Clara Yoder
Dan N. Yoder District
Emanuel, son of John L. and the late Mattie Yoder
Adin, son of Vernon and Edna Troyer
Emma, daughter of Henry E. and Katie Yoder
Eli E. Hershberger District
Abe, son of John F. and Elizabeth Raber
Ivan, son of Roman J. and Ada Schlabach
Floyd Troyer District
Mary, daughter of Noah M. S. and Clara Miller
Sarah, daughter of Levi N. and Abigal Yoder
Anna, daughter of Roman and Mary Troyer
Mary, daughter of Abe J. C. and Sarah Raber
John Frey District
September 4, by Bishop William Troyer
Nelson, son of Bishop Andy M. and Amanda (Troyer) Miller
Levi, son of Melvin and Anna (Schlabach) Kuhns
Katie, daughter of Bishop Andy M. and Amanda (Troyer) Miller
Katie, daughter of Mose and Anna (Troyer Yoder
Roy J. Miller District, September 4
Roy, son of Andy E. and Mattie (Schlabach) Yoder
Mose, son of Albert and Lydia Ann (Yoder) Yoder
Dan, son of Eli H. and Lydia Ann (Weaver) Bowman
Mary Ellen, daughter of Levi R. and Sovilla (Weaver) Miller
Susan, daughter of Albert M. and Ada (Yoder) Gingerich
West Roy Miller District
September 11, by Bishop Mahlon Hostetler
Leroy. son of Levi and Lydiann (Mast) Schrock
Vernon, son of Andy D. and Sarah (Miller) Schlabach
Ella Kay, daughter of Dan S. and Amanda (Miller) Hershberger
Susie, daughter of Henry A. and Sarah (Miller) Burkholder
Laura, daughter of Eli C. and Barbara (Wengerd) Miller
Katie Mae, daughter of Ben M. and Ada (Hershberger) Miller
Katie, daughter of Jake and Ada (Wengerd) Mast

Bronson, Michigan
September 4, by Bishop Wallace Hershberger
Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schwartz
Velda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bontrager

Geauga Co., Ohio
September 4, by Bishop John U. Miller
Leroy, son of Dan L. and Alma Miller
Eli, son of Mahlon J. E. and Sarah Byler
Mahlon, son of William J. E. and Cora Byler
September 18, by Bishop Roman E. Troyer
Eli, son of Roman E. and Ada Troyer
Uria, son of Jake J. and Katie Byler
Bill, son of Crist J. and Betty Miller
Dan, son of Crist J. and Betty Miller
Joe, son of John J. and Mattie Kurtz
Lizzie, daughter of Dan E. and Lydia Miller
September 18, by Bishop Crist R. Hershberger
Daniel, son of Crist N. and Fannie Hershberger
Cora, daughter of Levi E. and Saloma Miller
September 18,
Daniel, son of Noah J. and Mattie Mast
September 11, by Bishop Harvey J. Kempf
Dan, son of Mrs. Levi J. Weaver
Jane, daughter of Eli J. and Malinda Detweiler
Joanie, wife of Jonas Farmwalt
September 11, by Bishop John N. Detweiler
Enos, son of Levi E. and Elizabeth Miller
September 11, by Bishop Eli A. Wengerd
Joseph, son of Jacob J. and Edna Kempf

Centreville, Michigan
North West District
September 11, by Bishop William P. Miller
Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy W. Miller
Ira, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan W. Miller
David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Bontrager
Ella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan W. Miller
Susie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Bontrager
South East district
September 4, by Bishop William J. Bontrager
Catherine, daughter of Mrs. Mary Hochstedler
South West District
September 4, by Bishop Irvin Yoder
Toby, son of Minister and Mrs. Amos D. Hostetler

LaGrange Co., Indiana
David D. Nissley District
Lloyd, son of Omar and Barbara (Frey) Lambright
Saraetta, daughter of John and Fannie (Nisley) Beechy
Sara Mae, daughter of Harvey and Susie (Miller) Miller

Joni B. Miller District
LaMar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hochstedler
Daniel J. Bontrager, Wolcottville District
Irene, daughter of Daniel N. and Susie Bontrager
Freda, daughter of Daniel and Wilma Lambright
Leanna, daughter of Ezra W. and Clara Bontrager
Wilma, daughter of Mary (Lehman) Gingerich, and the late Gideon Hochstedler

Allen Co., Indiana
By Bishop Noah Eicher, September 25
Amos, son of Joseph and Maggie (Delegrange) Lengacher
Reuben Jr., son of Reuben and Effie Mae (Brandenberger) Wickey
Fern, daughter of Joseph and Betty Jean (Eicher) Schwartz
Esther, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Graber) Graber
Dianne, daughter of Enos and Loraine (Eicher) Schmucker
Susan, daughter of Samuel and Marie (Eicher) Schwartz

Adams Co., Indiana
East Middle District,
September 25, by Bishop Mose Yoder
Mark M., son of Levi J. and Mary (Hilty) Shetler
Levi A., son of Andres A. and Amanda (Schwartz) Hilty
Elmer M., son of Joseph A. and Mattie (Shetler) Hilty
LuCynda R., daughter of Alvin L. and Fannie (Shetler) Hilty
Miriam B., daughter of Neal C. and Barbara (Hilty) Troyer
Laura R., daughter of Alvin L. and Fannie (Shetler) Hilty
Elma M., daughter of Joseph A. and Mattie (Shetler) Hilty
Mary L. B., daughter of Levi D. and Barbara (Wickey) Schwartz
Laura A., daughter of Jacob J. and Amanda (Hilty) Shetler
West Yoder District, Abe A. Yoder
Edna, daughter of Levi W. and Ruby Bontrager
Ida Mae, daughter of Amos R. and Wilma Bontrager
Esther, daughter of Joseph and Ella Yoder
Daniel M. Otto, South East Yoder District
Glen, son of Manas Jr. and Mary Bontrager
Delbert, son ofJoniand Mary Weaver
Vera, daughter of Ed Jr., and Esther Lambright
Edward Smucker, West Howe District
Elmer, son of Preacher Levi and Mary Schrock
Jacob, son of Bishop Andrew and the late Katie Schrock
Ora, son of Deacon Elva and Ida Mae Lehman
Fannie, daughter of Harley and Emma Hochstedler
Ida Mae, daughter of Jacob and Lena Miller
William A. Yoder
Perry, son of Preacher Neal and Katie Yoder
David, son of Levi N. and Rosa Eash
Mervin, son of Levi N. and Rosa Eash
Leanna, daughter of Jacob and Mary Kurtz
Esther, daughter of Neal and Katie Yoder
September 14, by Bishop Daniel Otto
Glen, son of Vernon and Elva Weaver
Linda, daughter of Edward Hochstedler
Roy W. Miller, North West Barrens District
Orva W. Yoder
Joas F., son of Freeman and Mary Alice Yoder
David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Chupp
LeRoy, son of Lester and Ida Miller
Daniel, son of Dan and Elsie Coblentz
Edwin, son of Bishop Roy and Wilma Miller
West Barrens - Melvin H. Miller District
Johnnie J., son of Jonathan and Clara Yoder
Samuel M. Miller
Barbara, daughter of William D and Rosina Miller
North Barrens District, BY Bishop Mose Yoder
Owan Bontrager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bontrager
LaVern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stutzman
Irene, daughter of Wilma and the late Joe Fry
Katie Mae, daughter of LeRoy and Nettie Hochstedler
Lou Ida, daughter of Susie and the late Levi Lehman

Ervin Hochstedler District
Mary, daughter of Aaron and Polly Beechy
Lena, daughter of Bishop Amos N. and Clara Miller
Esther, daughter of Eli and Leanna Miller
Barrens District, by Bishop Elvie Frye
Orva, son of Simon A. B. and Anna Miller
Ernie, son of Howard and Erma Troyer
Melvin, son of Eli and Mattie Hochstedler
Ervin, son of Eli and Mattie Hochstedler
Martha, daughter of Alvin and Barbara Mullet
Carolyn, daughter of Howard and Erma Troyer
Elsie, daughter of Eli and Mattie Hochstedler
Herman, son of Levi L. and Susan Yoder
Jonathan D. Miller District
Mary Ann, daughter of Jonathan D. and Clara Miller

Elkhart Co., Indiana
West Clinton District, September 11
Amos, son of Henry A. and Mary Yoder
Vera, daughter of Olen and Katie Nisley
Northeast District, September 4
Ivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hershberger
Anita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. B. Miller
Northeast Clinton District, September 4
Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry M. Otto

Guthrie, Kentucky
South District
August 14, by Bishop Simon Yoder
Martha, daughter of Melvin and Esther Hochstetler
Wayne, son of Ervin and Edna Schlabach
Abe, son of Ray and Emma Schlabach
Mose, son of Roman and Elsie Coblentz
North District
September 21, by Bishop Simon Yoder
David, son of Lester and Sarah Byler
Darold, son of Samuel and Elva Gingerich
Wayne, son of Richard and Ada Lambright

Ethridge, Tennessee
East District, by Bishop Eli J. Hostetler
Andy, son of Preacher Mr. and Mrs. Enos A. Yoder
Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose J. Gingerich
Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli J. Hostetler
Lydia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enos E. Gingerich
Lena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Gingerich
Iva, daughter of Preacher and Mrs. Enos A. Yoder
Middle District, by Bishop Eli J. Hostetler
Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Gingerich
Joni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose D. Yoder
David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin D. Byler
Ida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ura P. Gingerich
West District, by Bishop Eli N. Stutzman
Andy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake A. Yoder
Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses A. Yoder
Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses A Yoder
Lydia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli N. Stutzman
Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon A. Yoder
Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Zook
Millie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hostetler

Jamesport, Missouri
West District, August 21
John, son of Minister and Mrs. Eli N. Troyer
Alfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas H. Yoder
East District, August 28
Ivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal S. Kauffman
Middle and South Districts, September 4
Sam, son of Minister and Mrs. Alvin D. Mast
Leon, son of Bishop and Mrs. John N. Kramer
Marvin, son of Minister and Mrs. Menno A. Yoder
Marvin, son of Minister and Mrs. Andy N. Troyer
Linda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe A. Gingerich
Elmina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy C. Gingerich

Clark, Missouri
Lovina, daughter of Tobias and Sarah Miller
Fannie, daughter of Levi and Lizzie Hochstetler
Katie, daughter of Chrissie and Ida Gingerich
Sarah, daughter of Bishop Willie and Edna Bontrager
Emma, daughter of Elmer and Ida Bontrager
Edna, daughter of Eddie and Fannie Petersheim
Lydia, daughter of Mose and Mattie Borntreger

Anabel, Missouri
West District
September 11, by Bishop Neal M. Borntrager
Eli, son of Abraham Y. and Martha (Borntrager) Borntreger
Polly, daughter of Albert Jay and Edna (Yoder) Troyer
Mary, daughter of Lydia (Yoder) and the late John M. Borntrager
Alta, daughter of Albert N. and Gertie (Graber) Miller

Buchanan Co., Iowa
Middle East District
August 26, by Bishop Eli Raber
David H., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Yoder
Menno, son of Preacher and Mrs. Simon Bontrager
Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Yoder
North East District
September 4, by Bishop Eli Raber
Jacob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Schwartz
Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Beechy
Miriam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Helmuth
South East Districh
September 4, by Bishop Jacob Schmucker
David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan S. Beachey
Martha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Yoder
Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Miller
Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nisly
Millie, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Ed Gingerich
Edna, daughter of Preacher and Mrs. Neal Lambright
Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi B. Miller

Johnson Co., Iowa
September 11, by Bishop Jonas J. Beachy
John, son of Lloyd and Vesta (Yoder) Mast

Wilton, Wisconsin
By Bishop Chriss C. Borntreger
Joe, son of Clemans and Lizzie (Troyer) Borntreger
Levi, son of Perry and Lizzie (Stutzman) Hochstetler
Sarah, daughter of Joe and Susan (Miller) Borntreger
Mary, daughter of Jonas and Lydia (Gingerich) Borntreger

Blair, Wisconsin
September 4, by Bishop Raymond Schrock
Alvin,son of Mr.and Mrs. Mose J. Miller
Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses S. Miller

Chetek, Wisconsin
August 14
Ella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Millers

Cashton, Wisconsin
August 14, by John Schmucker
Jonas Hochstetler
Mose E. Gingerich
Andy E. Mullet
Mary P. Keim
Ida J. Borntreger
Lizzie C. Kauffman

Utica, Minnesota
August 11, by Bishop Willie E. Borntrager
David, son of Amos and Lydia Yoder
Katie, daughter of Bishop Menno and Lizzie Schwartz
Alma, daughter of Atlee and Sarah Shetler

Wadena, Minnisota
September 11, by Bishop Eli T. Detweiler
Amos S. Schrock
Will W. Yoder
Rosa Yoder
Viola Mast
Susan Yoder

Aylmer, Ontario
September 4, by Jacob Eicher
David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Miller
Eli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Wagler
Peter Stoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stoll

Grey Co., Ontario
East District
September 11, by Bishop Sam L. Swartzentruber
Levi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stutzman
Menno, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stutzman
Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Shetler
Lydia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hershberger
West District
September 18, by Bishop Sam L. Swartzentruber
Jacob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Zook
Andy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Shetler
Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Stutzman

Milverton, Ontario
August 28, by Bishop Joseph K. Jantzi
Rufus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Kipfer
Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. David N. Jantzi
Allan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kuepfer
Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Albrecht
Susanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Kuepfer
Christena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kuepfer
Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Kuepfer
Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos H. Kuepfer
Laura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Kuepfer
Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Albrecht
September 4, by Bishop Amos Albrecht
Alvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kipfer
John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Albrecht
Irvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Wagler
Alvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Kuepfer
Dan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Albrecht
Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wagler
Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Zehr
Laureen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Kuepfer
Elmina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Albrecht
Malinda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kuepfer
September 11, by Bishop Clarence Kuepfer
Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Z. Kuepfer
Reuben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Wagler
James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kuepfer
Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ebersol
Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Z. Kuepfer
Ruthanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Streicher
Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Albrecht
Lydiann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jantzi
Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kuepfer
Laureen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Albrecht
Madeline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Albrecht

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Last Q. 5th	New M. 13th	First Q. 20th	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Full M. 27th

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

September was a pleasant month with temperatures about normal and enough rain to start fall seeding. The low temperature was 42 degrees on the 12th and the high was 85 on the 18th, with a total rainfall of 5 inches for the month. The field corn is nearly all in schock, due to the extreme shortage of hay. Fall seeding of grain and alfalfa is mostly completed a month earlier than usual. The shredding of corn fodder and husking will start soon. THe corn crop is fair where it was not planted too thick.

Although we had ample rain the past 2 months. we are still low in our water total, due to lack of rain in the past 16 months.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

We had very little rain lately, one inch on the 9 and a half inch on the 17. Pastures, lawns and hay fields are suffering, and wells are low. Early corn made a good crop but the late corn was hurt by the worms and the dry weather. We have an early fall. Corn sells under $2 for the first time in years.

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for September in the Bareville area was 5 inches.

Market Report: choice fat cattle $40 - $44.85 cwt.; feeder cattle $35 - $43 cwt.; fat hogs $46 - $41.50 cwt.; 40 lb feeder pigs .60 - .96 per lb.; prime veal $73 - $81 cwt.; dairy cows out of New York sold at New Holland $825 - $1575 (purebreeds); leghorn foul 9 cents per lb., heavy type .20 - .30 cents per lb.; roasters .25 lb.; ducks .45 lb.; large eggs .59 doz.; potatoes retail $5 cwt.; ear corn $50 - $60 per ton; shell corn $1.85 bu.; wheat $2.30 bu., barley $1.75 bu.; oats $1.55 bu.; hay $60 - $120 ton; straw $80 - $116 ton.

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, by Christian L. Fisher

September came in wet with 2½ inches of rain in 2 hours. It was warm and humid for a few days and cool on the 11. On the 12 the temperature went down to 40, after which we had a few days with small showers. It rained 1 inch on the 17, then cleared, and was warm and sunny. We had a thunderstorm the 19 with 1 inch rain. It was cloudy with nearly an inch on the 25th, then it was clear the rest of September.

Silo corn is a good crop, with some green corn around for late filling. We've had slow haymaking weather, but the crop looks heavy.

Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

The total rainfall for September was 5.7 inches. Silo filling started about a week earlier than usual, but still have some to fill due to wet weather. The corn was mostly heavy except in some fields where it was standing thin due to dry weather in the spring. The work at present is getting the ground ready to sow wheat. While about 50 per cent of the Amish farmers here in our county have quit farming wheat, to us farming would hardly seem real without having thrashing to do.

Clinton Co., Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Beiler

September brought over 6 inches of rain in 2 weeks time. It was much needed as the springs were getting low, and several people were hauling water for a week or so. We had a lot of cloudy days, but weather remained mostly warm. We had a few cool mornings, but no frost yet. Tomatoes were a good crop, silos are about filled, and the leaves on the trees are changing color.

Lycoming Co., [Trout Run] Pennsylvania, by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather for this area has been warm and dry the 1st week or so in September, but we have had plenty of rain since, amounting to nearly 9 inches. The week of the 19 it rained about every day, and last week was nice for several days again.

The men are filling silo as weather permits. It is tall and heavy for handling. Gardens are nearly past, with everything yielding in abundance. Can we be thankful enough for all?

Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, by John K. Fisher

September was mostly wet with cool mornings and warm through the day. Rainfall for the month was 6.6 inches. The coolest day we had this month was on the 12 with 38 degrees.

We had no frost yet this fall. Silo filling has just begun.

Nittany Valley, Pennsylvania, by Henry M. Glick

The first half of September was a little on the dry side. On the 12 the temperature dropped down to 39 degrees. We had good hay making weather till the 14, when it rained .2. Two days later it rained .8. On the 25 - 27 we had cloudy weather and 4.6 inches of rain. We had no frost and the total rainfall was 5.6 inches. The low temperature was 39 degrees. Silos are being filled and some corn is about ready to husk.

Centre Co., [Brush Valley], by David B. Stoltzfus

The fall weather was slow in coming this September with many summerlike days, but also some chilly ones. Except for a low temperature of 33 on September 12, the thermometer barely went below 40, and many nights went over 50. The rainfall totaled 4.5 inches in the last half of the month, ending a dry spell since mid-August with hardly any rain. Tomatoes were picked three times with the receiving plant closing at the end of September and still a lot of green tomatoes in some fields. The tomatoe yields were considerably higher than the previous 3 years. Many silos have been filled with the corn crop bigger than average. With a good frost most of the corn will be ready for the cribs.

Snyder Co., Pennsylvania, by Sam M. Troyer

All in all this was a fairly normal September. We had over 5.5 inches of rain, mostly in the last week. We also had some quite cool weather, the coolest was on the 12 when we had 44 degrees in the morning. We had no frost yet.

Apples are turning out to be quite a good crop, even though many orchards didn't look so good at first. The corn is better than it has been, and is a good crop. The bees have done well this year, with quite a bit of light honey. Most years the honey is mostly dark. At one place the bees made over a hundred pounds per hive.

Juniata Co., Pennsylvania, by David Y. Renno

The weather here during September was mostly very warm and dry. A total of 3.5 inches of rain fell mostly in the last week, when it turned cooler. We had no frost in September, but the corn turned brown early and is a good crop. Farmers are busy sowing fall grain and putting away a big corn crop. March corn fodder is being cut as straw and hay was short. Another growing season is declining and becoming history.

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania, by Catherine M. Swarey

September was a beautiful month, with many nice warm days, but already the nights are cooler. The low temperature was 40 degrees. Rainfall totaled 3.6. Lawns and pastures are green again. Some wheat has been sowed. Corn husking has begun and silos are filled. Katy-dids can still be heard, but we've had no frost yet. The apples seem to be plentiful again and are selling from $2 to 3.50 per bushel.

Franklin Co., Pennsylvania, by Jacob E. Flaud

The month of September we had nice weather, and nice showers which is helping the seed ground. Barley is about all seeded, and farmers are seeding wheat. Silo filling is about over, and the corn will soon be ready to pick.

Adams Co., Pennsylvania, by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

Showers during the month of September were scattered, we had 2.6 inches. The weather seemed fall like at the end of the month, but we also had several warm periods during the month and some 90 degree weather at the beginning. There were also several mornings with temperatures in the low fifties or upper forties. Farmers were busy filling silos and some sowed wheat and barley. There is still alfalfa hay to be made. It was a good year for fall gardens and lima beans did better in September than earlier. Corn is also a better crop that what was expected when we had our dry period.

Somerset Co., by Abe S. Kinsinger

The weather was on the dry side with just enough rain to start the wheat. But springs were low and some farmers were hauling water. The latter part of September brought us 4 inches, which really helped. The corn is being cut to put through the husker shredder as straw is scarce and high priced. The wheat is mostly in the ground and is up nicely. We have had no frost yet, but the leaves are changing color.

Mercer Co., Pennsylvania, by Dan J. Troyer

September was wet and cloudy with just one all clear day. We had 8.5 inches of rain, with some thunder and lightening and also some damage from wind in places. The fields are soft and silo filling is not done yet. Field corn is good and about ready to crib. We had no frost yet and morning temperatures were mostly in the 50's and 60's with the lowest in the low 40's.

Crawford Co., Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Fisher

September was very wet, we had rain on 13 days, for 2 weeks straight we had very little sunshine. The farmers had a hard time filling the silos, but most of them are finished now. The last week we had no rain and it dried off more. We had no frost yet, but the leaves are changing colors. The apples are scarce due to frost in the spring.

Norfolk, New York, by Jerry T. Schwartz

Cool and rainy describes the weather for September. Not much hay was put up lately, and some is rotting in the fields. Not much silo filling was done yet, due to rainy weather, and the muddy fields. Tomatoes, sweet corn, potatoes etc. were a good crop this year. Four silos were raised in this community recently, and there is a lot of corn around to fill them.

Barrs Mills, Holmes Co., Pennsylvania, by Jonas N. Borntrager

The fore part of the month was a bit on the dry side. Altogether we had 6.2 inches of rain in September making it a bit soft to fill silo at times. We had nice sunshine weather the last few days with no frost so far. The ground is dried off again. Farmers are finishing silo filling and next is wheat sowing. We are having the best corn crop in years, so most farmers have too much corn to cut for the silo. We have plenty of fall pasture and plenty of garden vegetables, with the good rains the springs are producing lots of water. Hog prices are just above 40 cents. Some cornfields are ready to husk.

Holmes Co., Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

The weather for September was cooled off with scattered showers. The corn ripened fast due to good growing weather. Rainfall totaled 5.5 inches. A lot of people made 3rd cutting of hay, and some are sowing wheat. Quite a few corn shocking has been going on. Sorghum cooking is in full swing and is a heavy crop. The leaves are changing, but we have had no frost yet.

Western Holmes Co., Ohio, by Monroe A. Weaver

We've had normal September temperatures and 4 inches of rain. Some wheat is sowed. Most of the corn is about ready to husk or pick and looks like a real good crop. There are still some silos to fill. We haven't had any frost yet.

Beef prices are a little higher, hog prices a little lower, around $42 just now. Good pigs are selling from $35 to $45 per head, according to size. Cheaper grain creates a demand for pigs.

Centreville, Michigan, by Mrs. Treva Yoder

The weather for September was nice with lots of rain, but not very nice drying weather for corn and beans. Most of the silos are filled and we haven't had frost yet in this area.

Branch Co., Michigan, by Mrs. Noah N. Schwartz

September has been a very wet month, also cool, but no frosts yet. The wheat is sowed, but there are a few silos to fill yet. The fields are still green. The leaves are just beginning to change color.

Allen Co., Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

We had some nice weather with quite a lot of rain throughout the month. We had such a dense fog on the 12 that the school buses came an hour later than the regular time. The corn husking and planting are started.

LaGrange Co., Indiana, by Anna S. Eash

The weather seemed fall like at times but also some humid and rainy weather. The rainfall totaled around 6 inches during the month. We had some sunshiny days enabling the men to get some silos filled. The corn is an excellent crop with nice big ears and many of them. Its not yet ready to crib, but is ripening fast and some is being husked to feed. Alfalfa is growing out real nice after third cutting. The women are finishing up the canning and getting gardens cleaned out. Weddings are on the go! We have so much to be thankful for.

Elkhart Co., Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

On the first of September in the evening we had wind and thunderstorms and a tornado was seen but didn't come down. A lot of plowing for wheat was done the first week, also a lot of canning. We had quite a few showers so that the wheat could hardly be sowed and silo's filled. Early on the morning of the 24th we had a thunderstorm and 2 inches of rain, and the evening of the 25th we had 1.5 inches. The last few days were fall like, and the leaves are changing colors.

South Eastern Holmes Co., Ohio, By John L. Yoder

We had quite a few showers the first 3 weeks of September recording a total of a little over 6 inches. Silo filling is nearly finished with some delay due to wet weather. Pastures are nice and green, and we haven't had frost yet. Last week was clear with no rain. Farmers are busy sowing wheat. Pig prices are still good, and there has been an increase in hog prices.

Geauga Co., Ohio, by Mrs. Eli Wengerd

We had almost 2 weeks of warm and sunny weather, then a good shower on the 10, which cooled things off. We had more rains almost every day the rest of the month.

The leaves are changing color, silo filling is coming to an end, and most of the wheat and barley are in. The women are busy canning chicken and apples.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

We've been having more rain through August, which is helping pastures and gardens are looking better. Last year this time our dry weather was starting. We had frosts a couple different mornings the latter part of the month, but no damage to corn and gardens. Peaches are almost over. They were higher priced this year, running from $7 to $10 a bushel.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

We had an unusually wet month with very little sunshine. According to my count we had 20 days of rain or drizzles causing stalk rot in the cornfields. The rain, however, was good for pastures and lawns, and brought a nice third crop of hay. But most people had a problem getting it dry enough to put up. Most of it was left in the fields to rot.

All cattle leaving Michigan farms for slaughter will have to be tested for PBB, this is effective as of October 3rd.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

September was a little unusual in some ways, and in other ways it was a wonderful month. We had quite a bit of rain which in turn made a lot of late pasture. The late planted corn made a big gain on account of plenty of moisture and no frost. The late potatoes had the same advantage and are yielding in abundance with plenty of tomatoes for table use right up to the first of October. The local weather station reported 6.5 inches of rain for the month. Our highest temperature reading was 85 on the first, 84 on the second, then there were 3 days of 80 and the rest were all under that mark. The lowest reading was 43 on the 29. There were a lot of cloudy days. The apple trees in Millers Orchard at the west edge of Nappanee are loaded heavy with some limbs broken down. Peaches were a good crop inspite of the three heavy frosts late last spring. Silo filling was badly detained this year because of wet soft fields, with only about half of them filled and corn is now dead and dry. There was only one small field of wheat sowed in September in this neighborhood that I know of, and that was sowed in wet ground.

KOKOMO, Indiana, by Mrs. Ivan J. Gingerich

The month of August brought a most welcome change of weather just the opposite of our dry warm weather in July. It rained almost every four days and often lasted two days or more. Temperatures were at times down to 50 degrees causing some concern about a short growing season. But September remained frostless and warmer than August making late crops produce a high yield. We had rain almost every week in September, but more days of sunshine.

Soybeans were leafless and harvest has begun. The corn looked very yellow and according to moisture test is ready for cribbing. The fourth cutting of hay was very nice if it could be baled before it was rained on.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

The weather for the first half of the month was rather damp, and we had 4 inches of rain. It then cleared up and a lot of corn was picked up with a moisture test of below 20, and a lot of beans were harvested. The last night in the month it rained 2 inches, so that will hold crop gathering back for a few days. Corn yields have been real good. The leaves are dropping from the trees and a few mornings the temperature was down in the middle 50's, all indicating that fall is near and that summer is gone.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachy

The rainfall increased during August and September so that the moisture is sufficient at present. Corn harvest is practically over with quite a variation in yields due to variations in rainfall. We had high winds that flattened some fields and corn barns. Some farmers are having their corn rejected at the elevators due to some kind of disease or mold. They say it is useless and advise them to take it home and bury it. A lot has been stored on the farm, so we may have more of it than we know. The corn is $1.65, beans are $5 and wheat $2 per bushel.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

September had a lot of moisture again, most of the rain came in the middle of the month. This last week has been wet again. The total rainfall was 9 3/8 inches. The first part of the month was still warm than it gradually turned cooler. The highest temperature was 90 and the lowest 53. The farmers are busy cooking molasses, husking corn by hand, putting up Lespedeza hay, sowing a few oats and pasture, cutting and also stripping some earlier cut tobacco. The crops are good for as dry as it was.

Audrian Co., Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

September was wet the bigger part of the month, with 10 inches or more of rain. Silo filling was delayed, but by the last of the month most of them were filled. The corn is a good crop, silos are filled with less acreage than normal, fall pastures are better than it has been in several years, and the new seeding for next years hay looks better.

Sorghum cooking is in full pring at the end of the month. Pears and apple trees produced heavily.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

September was a very wet month. We had four heavy thunderstorms bringing the creeks over their banks about as far as we have ever seen. Heavy rains on the 12 brought it over the banks again. Occasional showers the rest of the month kept fields wet so that very little silo filling is done and no cane sorghum is cooked. The corn husking is started, corn and beans look to be a fair to average crop, and cane and new seedlings look good.

Johnson Co.,[Windsor] Missouri, by Mrs. Monroe Hershberger

We had about 10 inches of rain throughout the month, raining some every few days, plus an occasional shower. There were only a few grasshoppers this summer. Silos are filled, and some farmers are picking corn and combining milo. The pear trees are overloaded to the extent that it is hard on the branches.

Webster Co., [Marshfield] Missouri, by Ruben Yoder

August was warm and wet with a total of 8.5 inches of rain. The temperature was from 70 to 95 degrees. The corn was generally better than average and most silos were filled between showers.

The weather is somewhat cooler with a low of 50 degrees and a high of 90. Fall hay is a good crop, but very little gets dry due to the frequent rains which totaled over 12 inches for the month. We had several hard rains of around 3 inches, which caused high waters and some damage at spots. Neighboring Springfield had 1 fatality and Kansas City had a disaster. Milk prices are steady at $8.35 for 3.5 test. Hog prices are slipping and feeder pigs are down quite a bit.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

Another month has gone by, but one with lots of blessings. We are having a lot of good rain, and will have plenty of pasture if it doesn't get covered with snow too quick.

Our last crops are pasture, walnuts, wild grapes, and turnips. We picked 6 bushel of wild grapes, and still didn't get them all. We usually have some walnuts to sell, but don't have very many trees close, so we and the neighbors use all we can ourselves.

Reno Co. [Haven] Kansas, by Mrs. E. E. Schrock

The month of September was nice and cool and still had enough rain. The wheat ground is being prepared for wheat planting and already some people are planting. We had lots of apples and pears this year, also lots of alfalfa hay was put up all through this wonderful summer we had. The year of 1977 will long be remembered as a wet year.

Reno County [Partridge] Kansas, by Edward A. Mast

The first two weeks of September were real wet with several 3 inch rains about a week apart. The next two weeks brought no moisture and a lot of silos were filled and quite a few started sowing wheat. On the 28 we had another 3/4 inch which gave the farmers a break. A lot of overtime was put in the two dry weeks.

Milo and Sorghum silage looks real good. This was probably the best fruit year ever for this area. Temperatures were mild throughout the month. More alfalfa was seeded this fall than average, but a lot had to be replanted because of heavy rains.

Buchanan Co., Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

September brought warm days and cool nights, with 7.2 inches of rain. The silos are filled and the farmers are busy picking their corn. There is still some hay making in process, which is abundant due to our late summer moisture.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

September was more on the wet side, with quite a few days being cloudy and foggy. Pastures and hay fields look nice and green. Most of the solos are filled with a few fields picked for feeding already. Some third cutting hay is being made. The new seeding has a good start. Quite a few farm sales are starting. Hay and corn are coming down, which makes it hard on the cash farmers.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

September was beautiful, with a lot of sunshine and a few rains about as needed. We had an all day rain on the 30. The leaves are beautiful colors, but we have had no frost yet.

Chetek, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Henry Lehman

September was mostly cloudy, cool and damp. We had a lot of rain throughout the month. Corn is very good and lots of corn is ripe through here.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger

The month of August has been unseasonably wet with enough rain to hinder haying of the 2nd and 3rd cutting. We had no killing frost yet. Corn is ripening and is a good crop. Watermelons are extra good this year, also plenty of apples are growing wild in the pastures.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss H. Stutzman

September was a damp and cloudy month. We had 4 inches of rain, and a lot of days the sun didn't shine. It was not good weather to put up hay. Some people started to husk corn. We had a light frost on the 28th in the lower places.

Utica, Minnesota, by Atlee J. Shetler

September was on the cool side. Temperature was mostly in the upper 40's. We had lots of rain and farmers had a hard time getting their hay in. We haven't had any frost yet.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William W. Schrock

September was a good month with some rains and lots of damp weather. We had no frost till this morning, and the temperature is down to 29. Gardens were real good this summer. We had a lot of sweet corn, tomatoes and everything. Potatoes were also a real good crop.

St. Mary's Co., Ontario, by Abe Hochstetler

This was the wettest silo filling time we've in 15 years. Its been raining almost every day since the 13. New seeding and hay fields are lush looking. The corn is a good crop, white beans are mostly in the fields yet. The crop is ruined due to too much rain. It should make feed for stock. Corn prices are lower.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Mrs. Emanuel Peachey

The month of September has been unusually wet. We have had a lot of heavy rains and the fields are almost too wet to do anything. Silo filling was started but was at a standstill again. We had no killing frost yet, but a little was formed in some places several mornings.

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

We've had rain, rain all or most of the month. With flooded creeks and basements. Lawns look better now than this spring. Silos aren't filled yet. Hogs are around $.66 a lb. dressed weight, and beef is about the same as before.

Grey County, Ontario, by Jacob C. Hershberger

September has been wet with 4.9 inches of rain. There is still some grains out and the fields are too soft to get in, although grain and corn crops are both good. The weather is cool and the ground wet, which makes it hard to dry second cutting hay.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

September was wet! We had rain about every other day till the 15, then rain nearly every day after that sometimes more than others. We had nearly seven inches in all. There is hardly any corn in the silos as fields are water bogged, and it was too wet to put hay in. Some plouwing was done in some places.

ORDINATIONS

Dover, Delaware

Preacher Leroy J. Yoder, 49, son of Preacher Jonas and Mattie Yoder, Dover R5, was ordained Bishop on October 1, in North District.

David S. Schlabach, 51, son of Sam Schlabach, Wyoming R1, was ordained minister on October 2, in South West District.

Andrew Mast Jr., 28, son of Preacher Andy H. and Sarah Mast, Hartley R1, was ordained minister on October 3, in South District.

Holmes Co., Ohio

Clyde J. Coblentz, 29, son of the late Jacob J. and Katie (Miller) Coblentz was ordained minister on September 25, in Southeast Barrs Mills District. His wife is Clara, daughter of Albert E. and Mary (Raber) Schrock. They have 2 children, a son and daughter.

Henry N. Yoder, 27, was ordained minister in Abe A. Yoder's District, September 27. He is the son of Preacher Noah N. and Susan (Yoder) Yoder. His wife is Mary, daughter of John G. and Katie (Troyer) Troyer.

Wilton, Wisconsin

Levi J. Miller, 22, was ordained minister in East District on October 2. He is the son of Jonas J. and Cassie (Borntreger) Miller. He is married to Lizzie, daughter of Preacher Ben and Mary (Yoder) Borntreger. Others in the lot were Joe A. Borntreger, Clemens L. Borntreger, Sam M. Borntreger, Perry Stutzman, and Dan B. Borntreger.

Community Notes - Ethridge, Tennessee

Little Ben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ura J. Gingerich was in Murry Co. Hospital several days this month with pneumonia.

Mrs. Jacob P. Gingerich has had several heart spells again, perhaps in a little different way than sometimes.

Emanuel E. Gingerich was in Murry Co. Hospital several days for a rupture operation.

Emanuel P. Gingerich was in the same hospital with gland trouble and an operation. He had a tumor crowding his bladder. He is mostly in bed and slowly recovering.

Daniel, son of Noah J. Zooks is having a lot of trouble with his hip, which he had broken and pinned over a year ago. Some Doctor reports don't sound too good.

Jake A. Yoder had an unconscious spell and was rushed to Scott Memorial Hospital, but was released several hours later. It was thought the Doctors had given him too many capsuls and pills earlier, but he now reports several more near black out spells.

Emanuel E. Gingerich's buggy was hit by a pick-up from the rear and the buggy was damaged quite a bit. Nobody was badly hurt, but Fannie has a sore leg.

Community Note - Buchanon Co., Iowa

Eurmon, the baby son of Preacher Dan U. Gingerichs spent 3 weeks and 3 days in the St. Francis Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa. He weighed 3 ½ pounds at birth and needed hospital care. He is presently at home and doing fine.

Community Notes - Blair, Wisconsin

Ira Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Borntrager broke his left arm while playing at school on September 2. He is back at school again.

Henry, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mast broke his ankle, September 9, while trying to start the motor for sawing lumber. He is on crutches and gets along as well as can be expected.

Community Notes - Holmes Co., Ohio

Mrs. John H. (Malinda) Miller, 81, fell in church and broke her wrist. It is healing slowly and she will have to wear a cast for a long time.

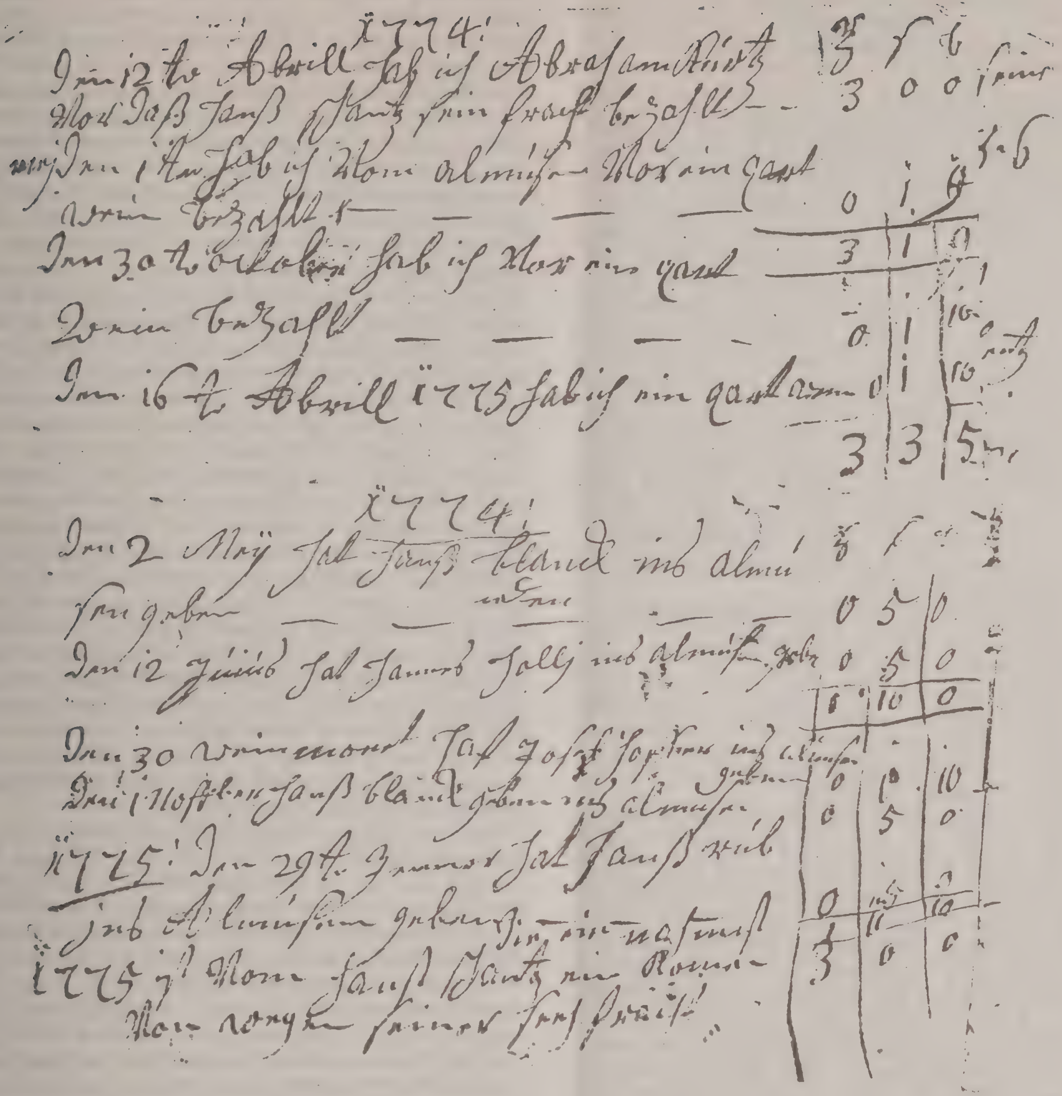
The 6 month old baby of Preacher and Mrs. Albert N. Yoder is in the hospital again and has Cystic Fibrosis.

Community Note - Wadena, Minnisota

Jonas Schrock stepped on a nail yesterday while helping to do carpenter work. He had a sore foot the next day.

Community Note - Bronson, Michigan

Mrs. Menno (Susie) Bontrager was in the hospital at Coldwate for gallstones.



1774!

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Den 12te Abrill hab ich Abraham [illegible] vor daß Hanß Wantz sein fracht bezahlt — —	3	0	0
Den 1ten hab ich vom almusen vor ein gaul drein bezahlt — — — —	0	1	9
	3	1	9
Den 30 [illegible] hab ich vor ein gaul drein bezahlt — — — —	0	1	10
Den 16te Abrill 1775 hab ich ein gaul [illegible]	0	1	10
	3	3	5

1774!

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Den 2 Maÿ hat Hanß Blanck ins almusen geben — — —	0	5	0
Den 12 Junius hat James Kelly ins almusen geben	0	5	0
	0	10	0
Den 30 Weinmonat hat Joseph Hopkins ins almusen geben	0	0	10
Den 1 Novemb. Hanß Blanck geben ins almusen	0	5	0
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A MAN AT 91 wrote,

"I have reached another milestone on life's way, but by faith am pressing onward day by day; for THUS FAR the Lord has led me, and with heavenly manna fed me; ever guiding, sometimes chiding, lest I stray.

He has been my close companion thru the years, and has proven better than my fears; should I ever fail or doubt Him, ever try to live without Him, eyes and mind might well be blinded by my tears.

So I face each day with courage and with cheer, full assured that every moment HE IS NEAR: always there to guard and guide me, whether good or ill betide me; present ever, failing never,

YEAR BY YEAR."

The older we become, the greater things of this earth decrease in value, and much brighter shines the Light above—the brighter HEAVEN for eternity seems, when we shall see Jesus. "Though we walk thru the valley of the shadow of death, we'll fear no evil" for He is always with us.

GOD BLESS AND KEEP THE GODLY OLD FOLKS!

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

TO RECALL A FEW MEMORIES OF THE PAST

The samuel Konig or King Families

(continued from last month)

The next on the list of children of Christian and Anna (King) Beiler is (92) David Beiler (24) born September 9, 1786, died 1871, married to Elizabeth Fisher, born January 19,1791, daughter of Christian and Susana (Sauder) Fisher, after they moved to Lancaster County from Lebanon County, they settled on the two adjoining farms between Ronks and Bird-In-Hand, the farm now owned by Christian P. Beiler, and the other by Amos M. Beiler, it being the former David E. Beiler farm. In the year of 1822, David Beiler was ordained minister and bishop in 1831. He was a notable bishop and gifted speaker. He left numerous writings, some of which were put in book form since his death. The largest of these if '*Das Vahres Christenthum*" which is a book of three hundred pages. The other is titled "*Vermahnug oder Eindenkeden vom David Beiler*" there are also some church letters around, a few from as far west as Iowa written by the late and well known Bishop Jacob Swartzentruber of Kalona. He was also called to Mifflin and Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and also to Wayne and Holmes County, Ohio.

To David and Elizabeth Beiler were born eight children:
Christian Beiler married to Rebecca Stoltzfus
Johannes Beiler married to Saloma Zook
Elizabeth Beiler married to Jacob Lapp
Katharine Beiler married to Samuel Hertzler
David Beiler married to Mary Stoltzfus
Samuel Beiler married to Jemima Hertzler
Benjamin Beiler married to Mary Esh

(93) Christian Beiler (92) the oldest son was born September 8, 1811, died in 1888, married to Rebecca Stoltzfus, who was born in 1816 and a daughter of Christian and Anna (Blank) Stoltzfus. Christian was ordained deacon in 1852. There is a very large offspring from this family, so we will mention only a few of the descendants. The oldest was (94) David Beiler (93) who died in 1925 at 90 years of age. He had lost his one hand and was blind and almost deaf the last years of his life. He was married to Rebecca Esh, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Hooley) Esh of Port Royal, Juniata County, Pennsylvania. David and his family moved from the farm south of Intercourse to Morgantown where thy lived the rest of their life. They were always members of the Amish church but most of the descendants of this family are affiliated with the Mennonite churches, a grand daughter, Elsie Stoltzfus, is married to Minister C. J. Kurtz of Morgantown, and the late well known writer Grant Stoltzfus of Harrisonburg, Virginia, was a great grand-son. (95) Lizzie Beiler (93) born 1838, married to Christian Glick, son of Samuel Glick of Union County, Pennsylvania. Christian Glick married his second wife Martha Dienner, they with their family also lived in Lancaster County. This family is widely scattered throughout the states and overseas, serving on Mission boards and serving in the ministry. Hardly any are with the Amish churches anymore.

(96) Katie Beiler (93) born 1844, married to David Glick, son of Samuel Glick of Union Co. David and Katie Glick started housekeeping in Union County, but moved to Lancaster County in about 1877, on a farm a few miles west of Intercourse where John F. King now lives. To this family were born eleven children and we will also mention a few. The oldest (97) Christian B. Glick (96) was born in Union County, in 1868, married to Emma Kurtz, he was ordained minister in 1896, in the Lower Pequea District when he was 28 years of age. He lived till he was 91 years old. (98) Rebecca Glick (96) married to John Allgyer (99). Moses Glick (96) married Rebecca Stoltzfus. Their son Abner Glick is minister, John Glick is bishop, and the late son of Christian Glick was deacon. (100) Barbara Glick (96) married to Tobias K. Stoltzfus, who was deacon and his son Elam Stoltzfus is also deacon in St. Mary's County, Maryland. (101) Aaron H. Glick married to Sarah Fisher. He was minister and bishop, his only son John is also bishop and is presently a Budget scribe. (102) John Beiler (93) born 1848, married to Mary Zook, a grand-son, Emanuel Zook is minister in the Lower Pequea District at present. (103) Jonas Beiler (93) born in 1850, married to Lizzie Fisher. (104) Samuel Beiler (93) married to Barbara Stoltzfus. They had only one daughter who survived, namely Annie Beiler married to John Stoltzfus, her second husband was Henry Stoltzfus. Samuel was blind the last years of his life and was better known as Blind Sam Beiler. They also adopted a daughter, Mary Gilbert, who took care of him as long as he lived. (104) Benjamin S. Beiler (93) born 1855, married to Nancy Stoltzfus, daughter of Jonathan and Lizzie Stoltzfus, they being the grandparents of Minister Joseph F. Beiler who is also on the Dairy staff. (105) Sarah Beiler (93) born 1857, married to Moses Stoltzfoos. They lived in the Groffdale Districh and were the parents of Minister Elam B. Stoltzfoos and also of the late Deacon Aaron B. Stoltzfoos of the Weavertown Amish Mennonite Church.

The second child of Bishop David and Elizabeth (Fisher) Beiler was (106) Johannes or John F. Beiler (92) born June 27, 1813, died May 12, 1899, married to Salome Zook who is the daughter of Bishop (Long) Christian Zook of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Their children were (107) David Beiler (106) married first to Elizabeth Fisher, and then to Susie Renno widow of David Glick. (108) Christian Beiler (106) married to Fannie Mast. They were the grandparents of the late Bishop Christian Beiler of the lower Millcreek District and great grandparents of Abner F. Beiler of the Diary Staff. (109) Rachel Beiler (106) was married first to Jonas Stoltzfus of Churchtown and second to Bishop Samuel M. Stoltzfus also of Churchtown. (110) Katie Beiler (106) married to Noah Fisher, their daughter Emma Fisher was married to David Schrock of Arthur, Illinois, (111) Jacob Z. Beiler (106) married to first Mary Lapp, secondly to Sarah Kurtz and lived near Mascot. (112) Salome Beiler (106) married to Samuel L. Beiler son of Hannes and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler (see last month issue). Samuel L. had married his frist wife, Leah Kanagy, second wife, Sarah Yoder, third wife, Salome Beiler, and fourth wife, Lydia Kauffman who died the same day as her husband did with flu and pneumonia. Salome had one child named Rachel Beiler, who was raised in the Daniel Z. Stoltzfus home. She married to Jonas Stoltzfus of

Churchtown. They moved from the Conestoga Valley to Dover, Delaware and later to Oakland, Maryland. One of their daughters, Lydia Stoltzfus married to Jacob Hertzler of Canada. Elizabeth Stoltzfus married to Noah Yoder who moved from Union County, to Long Prairie, Minnesota. Rachel married to Urie Shetler of Paraguay, South America.

The third child of Bishop David Beiler was (113) Susanna Beiler (92) born 1815, married to Samuel Stoltzfus, son of Christian and Anna (Blank) Stoltzfus. One of their children was Benjamin Stoltzfus married to Sarah Mast, daughter of Stephen Mast. Benjamin was ordained minister in 1879 and Bishop in 1888 in the Conestoga Valley. Their son Samuel M. was also minister and bishop at the same place later on. (114) Anna Stoltzfus (113) married to David Umble, son of Bishop Christian and Leah (Schmucker) Umble. They lived in the Lower Pequea District. One of their daughters, Leah Umble married Amos Flaud who was the ancestor to the Flaud people of the Amish faith. (115) Jacob Stoltzfus (113) married Eva Gerber, born 1845, daughter of David and Frances (Brubaker) Gerber of Delaware Township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania. Their son Menno Stoltzfus married to Anna Miller, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bontrager) Miller of Mio, Michigan. Menno Stoltzfus and family at one time lived in Lewis County, New York, they in turn were the parents of Nicholas Stoltzfus married to Lucille Lambright, daughter of Valentine Lambright, who at one time lived in Aylmer, Canada. (116) Michael Stoltzfus (115) married to Fannie Riehl, he was a longtime coachmaker at Bareville. (117) Samuel Stoltzfus married to Mattie Beiler, no issue. (118) Gideon Stoltzfus (113) married to Sarah Lapp, who died in 1946 at the age of 102 years, and were the grandparents of Bishop Sylvan Stoltzfus who was killed in a Route 30 truck accident. (119) Simeon Stoltzfus (113) married to Sarah Blank.

The fourth child of Bishop David and Elizabeth (Fisher) Beiler was (119) Elizabeth Beiler (92) born 1817, married to Jacob Lapp son of Deacon Michael and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Lapp (see July 1977 issue of the Diary).

The fifth child of Bishop David and Elizabeth (Fisher) Beiler was (120) Catherine Beiler (92) born August 12, 1819, married to Samuel Hertzler son of Christian and Elizabeth Kauffman of Mifflin County. Samuel was first married to Mary Yoder, daughter of Bishop Shem Yoder whom we read about in the book "Rosanna of the Amish". Samuel was not married very long, maybe a year or two, when his first wife died. He then came to Lancaster County, married to Catherine Beiler, and purchased what we call the old Hertzler Farm, midway between Intercourse and Bird-In-Hand. Here Samuel was ordained to the ministry in 1865, and died in 1878. The farm was then occupied by his son, David Hertzler, who was married to Nancy Beiler from Union County. David Hertzler was born in 1857, and died in 1909 before any of his children were married. In 1911 their son Samuel Hertzler married to Elizabeth Stoltzfus and farmed the farm along the Horseshoe Road where Anna King and the late Daniel King lived for several years. From there they moved to Dover, Delaware and then to St. Mary's County, Maryland. Samuel married his second wife, Katie Ann Hershberger, of Holmes County, Ohio (see July issue of The Diary).

The sixth child of Bishop David and Elizabeth (Fisher) Beiler was (122) David Beiler (92) born 1822, died 1908, married to Mary Stoltzfus, daughter of Tennessee John Stoltzfus. David lived on the home farm where Christian P. Beiler now lives and was ordained minister in 1866. Numerous of their descendants are on the ministers bench today, too of his sons namely (123) Benjamin F. Beiler (122) married to Mary Miller, was ordained in 1905 and Bishop in 1908, one of their sons is biship, one a minister, and one a deacon, also some of the grandchildren are bishop, ministers and deacons. A son of David (124), Jonas Beiler (122) was deacon and his son Jonas is now a minister.

The seventh child of Bishop David and Elizabeth (Fisher) Beiler was (125) Samuel Beiler (92) born (1825) married to Jemima Hertzler, born 1816, daughter of David and Martha (Kauffman) Hertzler of Juniata County. After their marriage they moved to Lancaster County and started housekeeping on the farm about one half mile east of Bird-In-Hand, now owned by Jacob A. Riehl. To them were born three children: (126) David Beiler (125) born 1855, married to Anna Kauffman, born 1859 in Johnson, Iowa, daughter of Bishop Jonas and Rachel (Yoder) Kauffman, who had lived at one time in Hubbard, Oregon. David Beiler and his family moved around a good bit, they started housekeeping on the home farm, but at one time lived at Hubbard, Oregon, at Arthur, Illinois, and in Indiana, and at this writing am not to sure about Kansas. They were of the Amish faith. The oldest son (127) Samuel D. Beiler (126) born in Lancaster County in 1879, married to Sarah Mast, daughter of Minister Daniel and Catherine (Miller) Mast of Hutchinson, Kansas. Samuel D. Beiler lived for a while at Hutchinson, Kansas then moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where only a few of their children are today. (128) Jonas K. Beiler (126) left his home either in Illinois or Indiana and went to California where he changed his name to John P. Dove. (129) Jemima Beiler (126) born 1882, at Hubbard, Oregon, married to John J. Mast and moved to Arthur, Illinois. John married his second wife, Katie Kauffman, daughter of Jacob and Mattie Kauffman, this family is still mostly living in Illinois. (130) Benjamin Harrison Beiler (126) born 1884, married to Lizzie Ann Troyer, daughter of Alex and Anna (Beachey) Troyer. The writer had met some of this family personally some years ago and they say they are mostly with the Methodist church and living around Porthsmouth, Virginia. (131) Jacob Beiler (126) married to Lydia Yoder of Illinois, and were of the Mennonite faith. (132) John A. Beiler (126) married to Magdalena Byler, daughter of Noah and Lydia (Gingerich) Byler, they lived at Oakland, Maryland.

GOD BLESS THE GODLY OLDER FOLKS!

The older ones with sadness in their hearts, and
weary eyes. God bless them. They are not too
tired to sing their old, sweet lullabies.
The ages ones whose day is almost done, and twi-
light near. God bless them. They are not too old
to love a grandchild dear.
God bless such mothers as the ages run,
Their work of loving is never done.

*Agnes Carr

Farming and Gardening in the Bible

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CHAPTER 6

TREES OF THE FOREST AND THE FEILD

"Where there is no vision, the people perish," warned Solomon. His broad statement may serve as an introduction to this chapter, with particular reference to land conservation and reforestation, not only thousands of years ago in distant Bible lands, but also today and here in North America. In the United States, for an example, eight hundred million acres of virgin forest have been reduced to a hundred million or so, most of this reserve lying in comparatively inaccessible reaches of the Pacific coast. Reforestation and land conservation are relatively new words in the language, and their effective application to repair man's ravages is newer still. People who think and plan in long range terms are always a small minority, but to those few people of vision, some private citizens and some government agents, who are endeavoring to stem and to repair our ruthless forest waste, we, and our children's children, will owe a debt of gratitude.

Starving China and starving Europe are not altogether the victims of man's inhumanity to man; part of their plight is the end result of man's inhumanity to trees. Forests are cut down or negligently burnt; windbreaks, slowly and painstakingly nurtured by some provident ancestor, are slashed for quick money or industrial development. The soft humus, now unprotected against winter rainstorms, washes away and the residue bakes hard under summer sun. Water is no longer absorbed and held in the spongy mould, but streams across adjacent cultivated fields, and sheet erosion degenerates into gully erosion; crop yields diminish, and the standard of living falls. The rich get rich and the poor get children, but neither the rich nor the poor attempt to grow trees or otherwise conserve the soil, and down the slope of diminishing returns the nation slides towards famine.

We are told that one issue of a big Sunday newspaper requires more than fifty acres of forest to feed its presses. Yet without benefit of Sunday papers, *sans* power-saws and bull-dozers, the people of the Scriptures hewed down forests and trees with unintelligent fervor, and of course suffered nature's consequences. Fortunately for the well being of mankind, there are a few wise men in every age, and the sacred esteem with which trees were almost universally regarded throughout the East, and thus protected against destruction, was probably due to a far-sighted high priest or religious leader who realized that only by raising trees to divine or sacred stature could they be protected against man's insensate destruction. A biblical instance of this protection for certain trees is found in *Deuteronomy* (20:19.20): "When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the trees of the field is man's life) to employ them in the siege. Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city."

This declaration, "The tree of the field is man's life," brings to mind the more widely known "All flesh is grass" (*Isaiah* 40:6). These statements are not only comparative, they are absolute. The vegetarian will need no convincing, the meat-eater need only visit a farm or consult a book on livestock feeding to find irrefutable proof. Without plant growth there would be no fish in the sea nor birds in the air, nor their man-made rivals, ships and planes. Our atomic civilization is as firmly tied to plant growth as was the primitive husbandry of the patriarchs. Even water, so essential to man's existence, would lie in stagnant pools beneath a cloudless sky, were the transpiration systems of plants to cease functioning.

It was around trees which produced edible food, such as fruit and nuts, that the Bible wrapped its protective ordinance. What we may term the secondary effects of trees, such as anchoring soil on hillsides, creating humus, retention of water, windbreaks, natural reseeding and other factors inherent in good land management were presumably disregarded by the people of the Bible.

The veteran leader of the Israelites, who paid this homage to the tree of the field, had a profound appreciation of the importance of the date palm, characteristic jewel of the desert oasis. Under its shade and refreshed and fortified by its fruit, his unruly charges found intermittent solace during their long trek towards the Promised Land. In Egypt where Moses grew up, the date palm, with its myriad services to man, was the most valued tree, and it is fair to assume that it was to this emblem of the arid field that Moses paid tribute rather than to one of the numerous types of fruit trees which required fertile soil and ample water.

In several passages of the Gospels, Jesus, like Moses appears to evaluate trees in terms of their fruit rather than for their less observable benefits to man, and the rigorous culling of unproductive specimens is skillfully woven into parable fabric.

From the opening verses of the seventh chapter of *Revelation* may be deduced the great importance which the mystical author accorded trees. There on two occasions trees are given the same emphasis as the basic constituents of our world, the earth and the sea.

Trees have been worshipped or held sacred throughout the ages and in all parts of the world, the veneration of the oak and its parasite the mistletoe by the ancient Druids of Britain being one of the better known examples. Scriptural commentary on *Gensis* (12:6), and *Judges* (9:37), translates the place-names mentioned as the oak, or grove of the teacher, and of the diviner, respectively. "Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the Lord." This oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants: and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need; and we will bring it to thee in flotes by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem. And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel...and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred (153.600). And he set threescore and ten thousand (70,000) of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand (80,000) to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred (3,600) overseers to set the people a work."

Summarizing the foregoing reveals that Solomon impressed the original Canaanite population still resident in Palestine into forced servants for his work; but they were men of war" (*2 Chronicles*| 8:9)—to work alongside Huram's (Hiram's) lumberjacks. There is no mention of the food requirements of Solomon's serfs, but Huram's gangs were supplied from the agricultural resources of Palestine with nearly half a million bushels of grain, and two hundred thousand gallons of wine, and of oil, annually (Josephus' scale of measurement). This was the first large commercial venture in Jewish history. It took Solomon seven years to build the temple and thirteen more to complete his own palace. We are also told of the construction of a huge treasure house called the house of the forest of Lebanon, and of a palace for Pharoah's daughter, one of Solomon's wives. In all of these Lebanon cedar was the principal building material. We have no record of the number of lumbermen Huram furnished, but twenty thousand is probably a very conservative estimate. Taking that figure, we get a timber crew of one hundred thousand fallers and buckers working for approximately twenty-five years in the Lebanon forests. The destruction of standing timber must have been so great that most of the good stands would be wiped out. The method of sea transport, by flotes (floats) to Joppa, port of Jerusalem, remains standard procedure. Floats, or rafts and booms as they are known on the Pacific coast, are used to freight millions of feet of lumber from the beach nearest the logging grounds to the sawmill perhaps hundreds of miles distant.

A very subdued echo of the great log rolling days of Solomon and Hiram is sandwiched into the 3rd chapter of *Ezra*. The Jews who returned from the Babylonian Captivity to settle and rebuild Jerusalem, under the patronage of Cyrus, Emperor of Persia, found the city in ruins and the residents hostile. "The children of Israel...gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem...for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries...From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid. They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia."

Not only was cedar used in building construction in Jerusalem and other cities, it was also a favored plank for ship construction. Choice logs of the aromatic wood were carefully seasoned and carved by craftsmen into idols. The Egyptians used it for coffins and mummy cases. Cedar has a high resistance to moisture rot, and insects are repelled by its smell and its taste. The Mosaic Law prescribed cedar in purification ritual, in conjunction with hyssop and scarlet (*Leviticus* 14:4).

Less dramatized than cedar but of great natural and commercial importance were the firs which graced the slopes of Lebanon and elsewhere. Fir wood was deemed worthy of inclusion in the temple. "Solomon...covered the floors of the house with planks of fir...and the two doors were of fir tree...and he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers" (*1Kings* 6:15,34,35). "And the greater house he ceiled with fir tree" (*2 Chronicles* 3:5). The opening verses of the 27th chapter of *Ezekiel* describe in detail the materials used for shipbuilding in the great seaport of Tyre. The hull was fir: "They have made all thy boards of fir trees of Senir." Senir was Mt. Hermon, or part of it. From *Nahum* (2:3) we infer that fir was formed into weapons of war, possibly spear shafts or battering rams. A great musician as well as a famous warrior, "David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals" (*2 Samuel* 6:5).

We associate pine with cedar and fir, but there is scant mention of biblical pine, and some authorities claim that the words translated pine refer to another type of tree. *Isaiah* (60:13, also 41:19), writing three hundred years after Solomon and Hiram had virtually deforested the great timber stands of Lebanon, speaks as though the once famous cedars were negligible: "The glory of Lebanon shall come to thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary." The Revised Version substitutes a marginal "plane" for "pine," and in *Nehemiah* (8:15) uses "wild olive" where the Authorized Version says "pine." This last reference denotes a different type of tree from *Isaiah's* Hebrew variety, the *Nehemiah* original suggesting an oil tree in literal translation; pitch or resin may be inferred.

The two *Isaiah* verses listed in the preceding paragraph contain the only mention of the beautiful evergreen box tree, but the authors of the Revised Version expand the ivory of *Ezekiel* (27:6) into ivory inlaid in boxwood.

Another tree which gets brief mention is the algum, called almug in the *1 Kings* 10 version of Solomon's timber deal. When he first approached Hiram, the Jewish ruler asked for "cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon." More than twenty years later we read of Hiram's navy bringing Solomon algum trees from Ophir. "And the king made of the algum trees terraces to the house of the Lord, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers; and there precedent by one of the most venerated men in Jewish history must have been a source of great annoyance to later prophets, faced with the recurrent taks of preventing the Israelites from imitating or collaborating in the neighboring heathen practices of Baal worship, in shady groves which provided the environment conducive to orgiastic rites. As we turn the pages of the Bible we find injunctions to destroy the groves of the Canaanites, and then in *Deuteronomy* (16:21) comes the ban: "Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the Lord thy God."

However, the story of the kings of Judah and Israel is equally the story of tree planting and grove worship by one king and his subjects, and the uprooting of the groves and desecration of the idols therein by a successor, to be followed by another swing of the pendulum. King Josiah was particularly thorough in his grove destruction: "He brought out the grove from the house of the Lord, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder therof upon the graves of the children of the people. And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the grove" (*2 Kings*23:6-7). Primitive man did not approve of the idea of shutting up his god within walls, and groves of trees suggests a natural setting for early temples.

We usually associate parables with the teachings of Jesus, and in his famous allegories we find not only spiritual treasures but also a wealth of information on the agricultural practices of the Holy Land. How many can identify the first parable in the Bible, even with the clues that are found in the *Book of Judges,* was related by Jotham, youngest son of Gideon, most famous of the Judges, and that trees were the allegorical symbol? "The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honor God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over us. But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us. And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us. And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon" (*Judges* 9:8-15).

The variety of trees outnumbers all other plant groupings in the Bible. We shall never attain final botanical classification of Bible plants, so the names, accurate or otherwise, given by the editors of the King James Version are those used as the basic list in this book. The Bible has seven flowers, seven vegetables and seven weeds but no less than thirty-seven differently named trees. In some instances the same tree was known by two or more names, and loose translation has further confused identification. This should not surprise us, for our own nomenclature of trees is ambiguous. For example, the plane tree is also known as the buttonwood and the sycamore, while a variety of maple is also called sycamore; arbutut and madrona, linden and basswood and dozens of others come to mind, only single mention is accorded a dozen or so of these Bible trees, while others, notably the cedar, are common. While scant mention does not necessarily denote rarity or insignificance, the converse may be accepted as proof of widespread growth and familiarity.

The author of the Book of *Job,* in grim pessimistic mood, considered a tree's chance of survival better than a man's "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down....For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" (*Job* 14:1 ff.).

The cedars of Lebanon! What reader of the Bible has not shared in some degree the sense of majesty and grandeur which this phrase and the picture it invoked brought to the Israelites. "Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon," sang Solomon, "from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards." Solomon must have visited the Lebanon mountains often during the many years logging operations which he carried out there in partnership with Hiram, King of Tyre. The fifth chapter of *I Kings,* and with slight variations the second chapter of *2 Chronicles* tell of this large scale lumber project, which in man power and commissariat dwarfs our most ambitious forest felling.

"And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the Lord, and an house for his kingdom...And Solomon sent to Huram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, even so deal with me. Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God...And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods...Send me now...cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants, even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderfully great. And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measurers of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil. Then Huram the King of Tyre answered in writing...Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the were none such seen before in the land of Judah" (*2 Chronicles* 9:11). We may infer, then, that the original algum trees from the Lebanon mountains were small, with wood of mediocre quality, but that Solomon liked the wood so well that he imported much superior algum from Ophir, an unplaced region believed to have been southern Arabia or even India. Some Bible authorities consider that this latter algum was the odorous red sandalwood.

"Make thee an ark of gopher wood," God commanded Noah (*Genesis* 6:14). No positive identification has yet been given the structural material of this first ship of the Bible, but cypress is considered the most likely timber. The Assyrians and Egyptians used it for their largest vessels. Cypress occurs only once in the Authorized Version (*Isaiah* 44:14), and in the Revised Version cypress is supplanted by holm wood, better known as holly or ilex. Yet cypress forests were common in ancient Palestine and the wood had high commercial value. Like cedar, it was fashioned into idols and used for coffin cases; mummies discovered in recently explored Egyptian tombs were found to be encased in cypress wood, showing that its great durability was known and esteemed thousands of years ago. The Egyptians tied soul survival to the duration of mummy preservation.

According to modern classification the juniper is a conifer resembling the cedar, but the juniper of the Bible is believed to have been a species of broom. The Hebrew word used in the text, *rethem,* corresponds to the Moorish *retama,* by which desert dwellers designate broom. A few years prior to Naboth's murder at the instigation of Jezebel, the great prophet Elijah had run afoul of the Queen: "And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets (of Baal) with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough...and as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again" (*1 Kings* 19:1 ff.). *Job* (30:4) disparagingly refers to the roots of juniper as being eaten by the lowest class of People; a marginal alternative in the Revised Version offers, "The roots of the broom are to warm them." This substitution of fuel for food is supported by *Psalms* (120:4): "Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper." Wood for fuel was very scarce in the desert, and juniper-broom supplied the traveller's need.

"I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree," confesses *Psalms* (37:35). The evergreen mountain laurel is supposed to have been the prototype for this seeming prosperity of evil. A marginal alternative gives "a green tree that groweth in his own soil," and the Revised Version supports this rendering (i.e., not transplanted nor domesticated, but showing the virility of an evergreen tree growing naturally in its native habitat). The *laurus nobilis* is indegenous to the slopes of Palestine; its leaves have culinary value while its roots and bark are used medicinally.

Esther, the exiled orphan maid who rose to be queen of the far-flung Persian empire, is curiously associated with the myrtle tree. *Esther* (2:7) tells us, "Mordecai... brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther." The latter name was her Persian title, a tribute to her beauty, for Esther was the Persian goddess and planet Venus, the Ishtar of Babylonia-Assyria, Ashtaroth of Canaan, called Astarte by the Romans. The Greeks held the myrtle sacred to Venus. Her native name, Hadassah, was Hebrew for myrtle, and is familiar to us as the title of a benevolent association of Jewish women. The myrtle tree of Scripture is accepted by Bible students as the same beautiful evergreen which we admire today under that name. It was highly esteemed by *Isaiah,* ""Instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree" (55:13), and from the promulgation of the Mosaic Law to modern times, myrtle boughs continue to adorn the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles. Its known affinity for hillsides and bottomland is confirmed by biblical references. *Nehemiah* (8:15) sent the Israelites to nearby Mt. Olivet to collect myrtle branches, while *Zechariah* (1:8) had a vision of an angel on horseback "among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom." In Palestine the myrtle blooms in May, with sweet scented reddish-white flowers. From the succeeding black berries both oil and wine were prepared.

Forecasting the destruction of mystical Babylon with all its splendor and wealth, the author of *Revelation* (18:12) gives the only biblical mention of the wood of the thyine tree. The thyine is believed to have been a conifer, related to our pine or arbor vitae. The Bible text indicates that thyine was a valuable article of commerce; a marginal note reveals its sweet odor.

To be continued

GOOD OLD GRANDMOTHERS

Grandma needed no sleeping pill
As people often do these days,
To get to sleep fast and restfully,
She chose some hymn of praise.

Then she sat down quietly
With her Bible in her hand,
THIS was her vitamin pill for strength,
THE MOST POWERFUL COMFORT IN THE LAND.

My grandma was old fashioned;
She may not have had a high I.Q.
But when trouble rolled around her,
Grandma knew God would see her through.

*Grace Dell

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Mennonite settlement. We can, however, not yet be sure that he did not live in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania sometime, as there is evidence of children of a Jacob Schantz to reside in Lancaster County. To our knowledge there is no compiled family history of the Schantzes in Lancaster County, and no information to properly place the Schantzes or to complete this family line is quite rare.

Like the Erbs, the Schantz families are not easily placed. There are two Hans Schantz families living in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, although Bishop Hans (as we may continue to distinguish them) is often listed in Lampeter Township, and lived on the township line. They lived side by side like brothers, yet they cannot be of one family. Bishop Hans is almost ten years older than the other Hans. We do not have the age of the later Hans Schantz family, but they may be nearly of like age. The two families lived in one neighborhood, but there were no intermarriages. Perhaps they were too closely related. BishopHans obtained a land grant to a tract of 100 acres in 1767. The otherHanshad their tract in Leacock Township. Already in 1742. Before 1760, he also had two tracts in Cocalico Township, jointly with his twice brother-in-law, John Erb. Likewise another tract was purchased jointly by these two parties in what is nowPenn Township, in 1766. This Hans Schantz owned a vast amount of land during his lifetime. In comparison, Bishop Hans may have had little material wealth.

The Bishop Hans Tschantz Sermon Book

This book is a rare find in way of Amish religious documents. This note book is found among Mennonite collections, at the Lancaster Archives, and was formerly regarded as a Mennonite speciman. About six months ago the writers attention was directed to this book by friends at Goshen, Indiana, who had analyzed it carefully and found that sermon texts were written according to Amish custom. Soon afterwards the writer has also examined the sermons to find this discovery correct, and further discovered that Hans Schantz was named an Amish, even the first Amish bishop in Lancaster Country, in these columns. As invaluable as the book is, it perhaps raised more questions in some respects, than it answered. It leaves no final answers today, and needs more study.

The contents of the book are neatly written in german script, a volume of sermons. The foremost texts of the sermons are based on Matthew, chapter 18 and I Corinthians, chapter 5, which is a strong indication that his scripture texts are arranged to Ammanish teaching. In the back part of the book are a few pages of chronologically written marriages from 1747 to 1762. Although these notes are invaluable in their way, they give limited detail, as only the name and date of the hochzeit are give. In one claus he apparently names the bride also. On another two back part pages are written births of his family. from these pages it is quite clear that he was married twice, which can also be affirmed by county court records and in his will he mentions only the children by his first marriage. For some unknown reason this family register in his notebook is incomplete, it leaves an interval between the oldest and the youngest children.

Hans Tschantz Sr.

While this sermon book is a valuable source of authentic information it leaves some questions. In all probability the sermons were written by someone who was influenced by Jacob Ammann teaching, but who wrote them? It is not clear that the same Hans Tschantz wrote them that leaves the family register in the back part of the book. There are some subjects in the book that suggest that the sermons were written in Germany, but they have no date. The Hans Tschantz whose family is given was too young to be ordained in Germany. It leaves the possibility that his father Hans Tschantz wrote them and the book was passed on to Hans Jr., who in turn added the Chronicle. This does not rule out the possibility that Hans Jr. may have also been a bishop.

HansTschantz Sr.came to America in 1717, according to "History of the Mennonites" by Cassel (see page 288) with a second group of Mennonites who settled along the Pequea early. While the first group had settled here in 1710, and were barely established they appointed a delegate to return to their homeland to purchase needed supplies and perhaps invite or help friends and relatives to the new colony in America. According to Cassel, Martin Kendig was the delegate who brought with him on his return to America, Peter Yordea, Jacob Miller, Hans Tschantz, Henry Funk, John Hauser, John Bachman, Jacob Weber, a Schlegel and possibly a few more. This document (nor any other availabe) states that Hans Tschantz was a bishop when he came. We are not sure of any other sources document that he was a bishop at all except what is gleaned from the sermon book. The whole matter needs more study.

Hans Tschantz lived on a parcel of the initial 10,000 acre tract, that was granted to the first Mennonite settlers, in what is now West Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He is buried in the Tschantz graveyard, about a mile south of Lampeter on the road to Lime Valley.

Hans Tschantz Jr.

As we have stated before, he lived on the township line of Lampeter and Leacock Townships, near or on the banks of the Conestoga. Since his family is given in the sermon book it is possible that he was a bishop. It is clear that he dwelt among the West Conestoga Amish congregation, he was likely their bishop. Besides his will, we have two county court documents (see deeds K-3-208, PP-381) that complete his family. Those who are not listed in the sermon book chronicle will not be given a birth date. Their arrangement is estimated.

Hans Tschantz Jr's. birth is estimated according to his family to average 1717. He died in 1776. His first wife's name is unknown. His second wife's name was Anna. Their children are as follows:

1. Madi or Magdelene (1743 - ?) married to Mathias Musselman, Lampeter Township in 1791.

2. Anna (1746 - ?) married to Christian Neuenschwander, lived in Virginia in 1791.

3. Hans (1747-1791) married to Ester Good, daughter of Christian Good of Brecknock Township. Around 1793, Ester remarried to Abram Shirk of Hanover Township, then Dauphin County. Hans had no children.

4. Henry (?) died single.

5. Elizabeth (?) married to Henry Souder, lived in Earl Township in 1791.

The following were his children of the second marriage.

6. Barbara, we have no other information except that she is listed in a contract with the family single.

7. Marie is also listed on the contract of 1791 and was likely single.

8. Christian (1764 - 1798) died in Lampeter Twp. without issue. His wife was Feronica.

9. Peter (1765 - ?) died on the part of the home farm which is likely now in Upper Leacock Twp.

Abram Reiff and Peter Burkholder were witness to the will of Hans Tschantz.

Another Christian Tschantz died in 1741 intestate, whose inventory was administered by his brother Hans Jr., Adam Bowman and John Rorer. The settlement was probated by Peter Evans in the district of New Castle, Kent and Susex Counties of Delaware.

As to the other Hans Schantz family there is less information. We assume that he came to America in 1737 on ship Charming Nancy and is listed with his father, Jacob, as a young man over 16 years of age. He was married to Catherine Erb, a shipmate, and he is not a son of Bishop Hans Schantz, as abstracted from the Erb family history and as stated in the Diary on page 192. He obtained a land grant in what was then Leacock Township early in 1742 and perhaps lived there the remainder of his life and is buried on the homestead burial plot. He possessed an unusual amount of land in his time, as before mentioned. We have no account of his father Jacob, living in Lancaster county, and his family does not correspond with that of the Jacob Schantz living in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth Schantz is also given on the same shiplist who was married to John Erb. There is strong evidence that the father of these two was Jacob and the mother was Catrina or Catherine. The family of Hans and Catherine Erb Schantz are listed in the August Diary, page 192.

Joseph Schantz came to America in 1769, on ship Nancy and Sucky(shiplist 274C strassburge and Hinke). His most wellknown shipmates are Uli Schrack and Christian Roth. Where he first settled is not certain, but likely in the Lebanon Valley, then Lancaster County, as stated in the Mast history (1911) with his shipmate Uli Schrack. He was, however, married to Feronica Holly, daughter of Andreas Holly in Berks County, around 1777.

The location of the present city of Johnstown, which is named for him. Before the turn of the century Joseph and Veronica moved west and resided near Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Not until 1793, did Jospeh Schantz purchase the 249 acre tract from James McClemachan, where the present city of Johnstown now stands, which was named for him. According to the Mast history, a log cabin was built on this site about 1794, and replaced in 1812, by a more classic dwelling. A few years after settling on this new purchase along Stonycreek he began to entertain the idea to lay out streets for a town and a charter was granted for the town of Conemaugh, which he named it. By 1803, lots were being sold and as his town was developing he in 1806, moved with his family to another farm near Davidsville in what is now Somerset County. In 1808, he sold the remainder of his Conemaugh land to John Anderson and William Hartley to be developed to what is now Johnstown. On the new purchase, near Davidsville, Pennsylvania. Joseph and Feronica Schantz lived the remainder of their lives and are both buried in a marked burial on the farm.

According to the Mast history, neighbors to the Schantzs were: Jacob Lehr Sr., Peter Goughnour, Jacob and Abraham Good, and David Stutzman, whom the town of Davidsville was named for.

Joseph Schantz died in 1810, Feronica died in 1833. From the family Bible, Mast quotes the dates of births of the family.

1. David born July 3, 1779. He died young, but no date is given.

2. Barbara born January 22, 1782. She was married to John, son of Martin Borntrager (immigrant). They lived on a farm along Quemahoning Creek, in Conemaugh Township and emigrated to LaGrange County, Indiana, where Barbara died in 1872. From this union stems a vast line of old order descendants in Indiana and other states west.

3. Veronica, born January 22, 1786, married to John Holly, whose father lived near Davidsville. This couple went to Canada, but returned to Ohio, where Veronica died in 1875.

4. Joseph, born January 16, 1792. He took the homestead farm, where he died in 1868. His children are listed as (40) Daniel lived in LaGrange County, Indiana, (41) Catherine, wife of Samuel Schrock also lived in LaGrange County. (42) Sarah, married to Joseph Thomas of Conemaugh, (43) Joseph lived on the home farm,(44) Annie, wife of Samuel Yoder, lived in Paint Township, Somerset County, (45) Joseph born January 16, 1792. He took the homestead farm, where he died in 1868. His children are listed as (40) Daniel lived in LaGrange County, Indiana, (41) Catherine, wife of Samuel Schrock also lived in LaGrange County, Indiana, (42) Sarah, married to Joseph Thomas of Conemaugh, (43) Joseph lived on the home farm, (44) Annie, wife of Samuel Yoder, lived in Paint Township, Somerset County, (45) Christian married to Samuel Kauffman of Conemaugh.

5. Sarah, married to Christian Eash, who also lived in the Conemaugh.

Peter Schantz is named an Amish minister in the 1871 John Funk ministers list. He came to America with a late immigration movement and settled in Lee Co., Iowa. Not much is known of his family or descendants. The 1880 federal cencus list places him in Pleasant Ridge Township, Lee County, Iowa then. He is a native of Baden, Germany, and his wife Anna was a native of Holland. Her parents are both of Holland. They were both 60 years old in 1880, they had three children: Mary 23, John 20 and William 17.

By Joseph F. Beiler

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

The Schantz Family in Europe

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David Tschantz of Heimberg, was influenced to the Anabaptist doctrine by the preaching of Samuel Lutz, a French speaking Anabaptist leader of a group sometimes referred to a Lutzish. Tschantz founded a Saturday evening paper called *Abensitze*, which contains scriptural messages and a collection of religious experiences of the Heimberger. It was printed in 1749. He died in 1784.

Now that persecution in Switzerland was on the stage for a century and a half, the bloody theater has reached a climax, other inhuman devices must be arranged. As if drowning, hanging, the sword, the stake and the galleys were not cruel enough to get rid of this heretic doctrine (as it was called) and apparently the Bernese authorities could invent more various methods or perhaps the most rude ones of them all. The harder our fathers were persecuted, the longer they endured mistreatment, the deeper the roots in faith and likewise to the soils in the beautiful valleys of the Alps, which as our article shows, they were reluctant to leave. They were constantly treated contrary to their spiritual and material wishes. Only a century later when they did want to emigrate, they were denied legal leave and charged an emigration tax. But now on September 8, 1670, a new mandate was erected, that those who do not respect Bernese government, or the state church, shall be driven out of the land with rods and their possessions shall be sold and the money shall be given to their district church respectively. Among this list is a Tschantz family whose possessions were valued at 1000 pounds.

From the Ernest Muller work, *Bernischen Taufer* is a list of Mennonites or Amish or perhaps both, in the Pfaltz near Manheim. In this 1731 list of a fourty family congregation, Hans Schantz is listed as a minister, with Hans Jacob Schneider, Christian Chrischi and Hans Berger a deacon. Since Hans Schantz is listed at the head, he was likelv the head of the congregation and in all probability he is our immigrant, In the Baiern, Pfaltz congregation, two Schantz families are listed among other families as, Gingerich, Ingold, Christner, Suter, Fellman, Musselman, Stadler, Scherz, Osech, Blaser, Graber, Kauffman, Hauter, Hirschi, Wenger, Eicher, Yoder, Lehmann, and Newhauser. Here is evidence of a strong Amish congregation in the Pfaltz.

Another Hans Tshantz is listed in the Mennonite Encyclopedia Volume IV, page 752, He was of Kiesen, was in prison at Bern in May 1567. After much reluctance he recanted through torture to the state church.

A Christian Tschantz is given in the Mennonitiscves Lexicon (Band 4, page 361). Apparently he lived in the Jura in the 1800's and was the author of a german hymn "Ist jemand guter dingen, ohn schmnentz, ohme leid. This hymn was found in *gheanhang* of a hymn and prayer book of a *kleinen hand- buchlein* printed in Basel, 1801.

After the prime of immigration from Switzerland and the Pfaltz to America a Tschantz family is among a list of six families who left Courtelary, whom most of them are thought to leave for America or Holland. The others of this 1754 list were Brechbill, Liechti, Moser, Stauffer and Burkhalter, see Bernese Anabaptists, by Delbert Gratz, page 85. A more full account of these families are given in *Lists of Swiss Emigrants,* by Faust and Brumbach, page 30. H however, lists them in Erguel, although in the hands of the *lanvvogt* in Courtelary. In this list are additional names of Gauman, Neuenschwander. Neukommt, Schonaur, Schwartz and Wenger. These have emigrated to America before June 27, 1754, are all people from the mountains near Corgemont, and most of them were very poor.

The Schantz Families in America

From the Strassburger - Hinke ship lists we gather the earliest information of one Schantz family in America. A Jacob Schantz and a Hans Schantz are given in the Shiplist 49A, saying that they came to America on ship Charming Nancy, on October 8, 1737. They are among an early stable group of Amish immigrants known to settle in Pennsylvania. On this list other well known names appear as: Beiler, Kauffman, Mast, Garber, Kurtz, Miller, Lehman, Hershberger, Burki, Lichti, Speicher, Zimmerman, and Erb. This ship list gives added information by women and children names. Jacob Schantz is apparently much older than Hans and therefore perhaps most of the women and children belong to him. While we have no records of Jacob living in Lancaster County and a Jacob Schantz family chronicle at the Mennonite Archives, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, subscribe this 1737 Jacob to

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Guthrie, Kentucky, Man Killed

Melvin Yoder, son of Jonas and Hannah (Wagler) Yoder was killed October 14, while alone in a field spreading fertilizer. No one knows exactly what happened, but possibly he stopped to see how much fertilizer was left and in some way became entangled in the P. T. O. shaft, which had been left running. He had a broken neck and severe chest injuries. (see obituary)

Community Note: David Schmucker, Jr., age 23, received a badly bruised neck when he fell about 5 ½ feet. He was re-assembling a

Community Note - Allen Co., Indiana

David Schmucker, Jr., age 23, received a badly bruised neck when he fell about 5½ feet while re-assembling a corn crib. He has to wear a neck band, but is getting along O.K.

Community Notes - Guthrie, Kentucky

Nelson, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gid Brennamen broke his arm when one side of a swing broke, October 20.

Ben, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse D. Peachey, had a close call when climbing on a gravity wagon and lost his footing, falling into a 6 inch grain auger, driven by P.T.O. It caught his foot, severly cutting the under side of it before his younger brother got it stopped. This happened on October 31, and his condition now seems fair.

Community Note - Bronson, Michigan

Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bontrager, of Bronson R3, got his clothes torn off and thrown by getting too close to a P.T.O. shaft, while helping a neighbor dig gladiola bulbs. He ended up with many bruises and cuts.

Community Note - Mifflin Co., Pennslyvania

Sadie, daughter of Mr. and MRS. Daniel Byler was taken to Huntingdon Hospital, Saturday afternoon, October 15, and was operated on immediately for a ruptured appendix. She is getting along as well as can be expected. She had an infection after the operation and was kept at the hospital till October 24.

Community Notes - Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Abram King was in the General Hospital 6 days, after he was overcome with silo gas, he is from Ronks R1.

Katie Esh of near Intercourse, 19 year old daughter of Preacher Jonas and Sarah (King) Esh, was still in the Lancaster General Hospital with a broken back. This happened October 9, on the 14 they operated to put a pin in. By November 2, she was walking with a walker.

Jacob Swarey Sr., Ronks R1, was rushed to St. Joseph Hospital and operated on the same day. He was unhitching his team from the hay rake when the team bolted and the rake wheel went over his body. He has a crushed pelvis and had to have a few pints of blood. This happened on October 12 and he was in the hospital for nearly 2 weeks, but is at home now.

Preacher Amos L Lapp, Centerville, spent 8 days in the hospital He was traveling through Intercourse when a dog ran out and scared his horse. His wagon hit 5 different cars. He is presently at home with a broken jaw, wired together at 2 places, and a broken chest bone. He can not talk yet. Samuel King, Jr., Ronks R1, had a spill with his team, Sunday evening, October 23. His buggy hit the guard rails, throwing him out causing a concussion. He spent 4 days in the Osteopathic Hospital. His horse tore loose and ran in over top of a car causing considerable dameage. The horse was instantly killed.

Simon Esh, age 15, son of Bishop and Mrs. Enos Esh, of Intercourse, had an accident with a corn wagon. The wagon wheel passed long ways over his body from the knee to the shoulder. His one let is broken and a few internal injuries. He was in intensive care for over a week. He is slowly improving now.

Aquilla S. Lantz, Strasburg R1, was working at his elevator, October 15, when he cut the one finger on his left hand nearly off. There was only a little skin hanging on . He was rushed to the hospital, where they sewed it on again. He had a lot of pain day and night. Three days later they had to take it off again, and he remained in the hospital a few days after the operation.

Communtiy Note - Wayne Co, Ohio

Jerry, age 13, son of Eli D. and Mattie (Miller) Weaver, or Dundee R1, broke the large bone in his leg at the ankle, while playing in school on October 7.

Community Note - Branch Co., Michigan

Samuel A. Girod, Reading, was admitted to the hospital, October 25 for an appendicitis operation. He was at home by the 28 and is coming along fine.

Community Note - Arthur, Illinois

Eli D. Yoder has been in the hospital for a heart ailment. He was in intensive care for 3 days. He is out of intensive care now, and is improving.

Community Note - Cashton, Wisconsin

Roman Schrock was kicked in the face by a work horse, October 4. He was treated at the Viroqua Hospital, but released the same day. He had a gash in his lip and several teeth knocked loose.

Births

Dover, Delaware

Mast, John A. (Rhoda Yoder) Wyoming R1, a son **Leroy**, October 25
Mast, Raymond A. (Sadie Hershberger) Hartley R1, a son **Reuben**, Oct12
Miller, Ervin H. (Emma Mast) Wyoming R1, a son **Daniel Jay**, October 9
Miller, Samuel E. (Edna Mast) Dover R2, a son **Ammon Henry**, October †
Miller, Samuel J. (Barbara Troyer) Wyoming R1, a son **Marvin**, Oct. 13
Troyer, Melvin (Sadie Mast) Hartley R1, a son **Ervin Jay**, October 19

St. Marys County, Maryland

Stoltzfus, Joseph (Susie Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville, a son **Jonas**, October 1 died October 3 (see obituary)
Swarey, Israel (Annie Hostetler) Charlotte Hall, a son **Amos**, October 6

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Beiler, Amos L. (Miriam F. King) Quarryville R4, a daughter, **Barbara K.** October 18
Blank, Henry, (Susie Yoder) Kinzers R1, a son **Samuel Y.**, October 12
Blank, Isaac, (Ada Lapp) Kinzers R1, a son **John D.**, October 31
Blank, John S. (Lavina S. Fisher) Lititz R3, a son **David K.**, October 13
Blank, Joseph S. (Malinda E. Smucker) Nine Points, a dau. **Fannie**, Oct.1
Esh, Eli k. (Barbara Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a son **Jonas S.**, October 6
Fisher, Benuel S. (Fannie F. Blank) Strasburg R1, a son **John**, October 8
Fisher, David (Barbara Lapp) Gordonville R1, a son **Benuel**, October 21
Glick, Aaron E. Jr., (Barbara E. Blank) Bird-in-Hand R1, a dau. **Mary B.** October 14
Glick, Abner K. (Amos S. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a son **Henry S.**, Oct16
Glick, David (Lydia F. Esh) Quarryville R3, a son **David K.**, October 23
Glick, Eli S. (Annie Esh) Leola R1, a son **Henry E.**, October 25
Kauffman, Amos E. (Arie S. Glick) Christiana R1, a son, October 1
King, Amos H. (Nancy Ann Lapp) Gordonville R1, a daughter **Sarah Ann** October 24
King, Benjamin B. (Malinda K. Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R2, a son, Oct. 9
King, Benuel S. (Nancy Ann Dienner) Gap R2, a dau. **Esther D.**, Oct. 9
Lapp, Christian B. (Rebecca S. Lapp) Christiana R1, a son **Amos L.**, October 29
King, Elam F. (Barbara S. Blank) Christiana R2, a dau. **Lizzie**, October 8
King, Isaac S. (Fannie B. Stoltzfus) Lancaster, a dau. **Susie S.**, Oct. 25
King, John A. (Emma G. Esh) Kinzers R1, a daughter, **Mary E.**, Oct. 22
King, Leroy (Naomi Esh) Gordonville R1, a daughter **Lena E.**, Oct. 12
Kinsinger, Benjamin A. (Emma L. Riehl) Lititz R4, a dau. **Mattie R.**, October 14
Lapp, Benuel K. (Lizzie King) Narvon R1, a son **Benuel K. Jr.**, Oct. 5
Lapp, Henry (Barbara King) Ronks, a son **Samuel Mark**, October 13
Miller, Elmer L. (Hannah Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son **Benuel**, Oct3
Miller, Jacob L. (Katie E. Blank) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son **Amos B.**, Oc16
Miller, Samuel S. Jr. (Ada L. Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a dau. **Ruth**, October 12
Petersheim, Christian (Fannie K. Fisher) Christiana R1, a dau. **Elizabeth** October 6
Riehl, Jonas (Emma Beiler) Bird-in-Hand, a dau. **Lillian B.**, October 30
Riehl, Levi E. (Malinda S. King) Honey Brook R2, a son, October 6
Stoltzfus, Amos K. (Sadie S. Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son **Ervin Lee**, October 20
Stoltzfus, Benjamin (Elizabeth Esh) Nine Points, a dau. **Hanna E.**, Oct 15
Stoltzfus, Christ S. (Priscilla Lapp) Christiana R1, a daughter, Oct. 17
Stoltzfus, Henry F. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Lititz R6, a son **Leon S.**, Oct. 12
Stoltzfus, Jacob M. (Rachel B. King) Quarryville R2, a son, **Isaac B.**, October 30
Stoltzfus, Jacob S. (Martha Beiler) Holtwood R1, a daughter **Priscilla B.**, October 27
Stoltzfus, John S. (Lydia L. Esh) Gordonville R1, a son **John S. Jr.**, Oct28
Stoltzfus, Reuben K. (Sadie Ann Stoltzfus) Morgontown R1, a daughter October 10
Stoltzfus, Samuel I. (Sylvia R. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R2, a son **Joel**, Oct2
Stoltzfus, Samuel J. (Barbara Smoker) Narvon R2, a son, October 11
Stoltzfus, Samuel K. (Rachel F. King) Kinzers R1, a daughter, Oct. 15
Stoltzfus, Stephen F. (Edna R. Dienner) Gap R2, a dau. **Elizabeth Ann**, October 11
Yoder, Henry K. (Emma Miller) Kirkwood, a dau. **Sarah M.**, October 19

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

King, David Z. (Emma Lapp) Myerstown R2, a son **Elmer**, October 13
Stoltzfus, Benjamin F. (Fannie Lapp) Myerstown R1, a daughter **Barbara** October 16

Nittany Valley, Pennsylvania

Glick, Samuel (Katie Stoltzfus) Mill Hall, a daughter, October 15

Centre County [Brush Valley] Pennsylvania

Beiler, Amos E. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Rebersburg, a dau. **Fannie**, October 19
Beiler, Christ L. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Rebersburg, a son **Christ**, October 11

Juniata Co., Pennsylvania

Troyer, John A. (Lydia Yoder) McAlisterville R1, a dau. **Dena**, Oct. 9

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania

Kanagy, Stephen (Katie Byler) Belleville, a son **Jonathan**, October 30
Swarey, Henry (Mary Byler) Belleville, a daughter **Katie**, October 12
Swarey, Samuel (Sylvia Peachey) Belleville, a daughter, **Katie**, October 9
Yoder, Preacher Kore M. (Anna Swarey) Belleville, a son **Urie**, October 4

Somerset Co., Pennsylvania

Yoder, Noah B. (Fannie Breneman) twins **Mark** and **Miriam**, October 14

Mercer Co., Pennsylvania

Mullet, Levi J. (Sarah Raber) a son **Raymond**, October

Norfolk, New York

Schwartz, Mose I. (Catherine Eicher) Norfolk R1, a son **Emanuel**, Sept 28
Troyer, Amos (Fannie Troyer) Norfolk R2, a daughter **Sarah**, October 18

Geauga Co., Ohio

Burkholder, Eli E. (Barbara Barkman) a son, October 13
Detweiler, John C. (Ida Wengerd) a daughter, September 29
Farmwalt, William S. (Betty Kuhns) a daughter **Barbara**, October 2
Fisher, Lester U. (Clara Hostetter) a daughter, October 1
Kurtz, John A. (Elmina Hershberger) a daughter **Kathy**
Kurtz, John G. (Sarah Gingerich) a son **Steven**, October 1
Miller, Andy J. L. (Saloma Yoder) a son **John Henry**, October 14
Miller, Eli D. (Miriam Kempf) a daughter **Miriam**, October 22
Miller, Ferdie J. (Sara Miller) a son **David**, October 21
Miller, Wallace J. (Barbara Detweiler) a son **Matthew**, September 25
Schmucker, Dan J. (Ada Miller) a son **Jonas**, October 15
Troyer, Chester A. (Esther Hostetter) a daughter, **Erma**
Troyer, Chester M. (Katie Kuhns) a son **Chester Jr.**
Troyer, Ervin L. (Ada Miller) a daughter **Alta**, October 14
Troyer, Joe M. (Nancy Weaver) a daughter **Esther**, October 3
Troyer, Melvin E. (Saloma Miller) a daughter **Martha**, October 19
Weaver, Harvey J. (Barbara Miller) a daughter, October 22
Wengerd, Marvin D. (Lydiann Fisher) a daughter **Ada**
Yoder, Eli M. (Nancy Yoder) a son, October 22
Yoder, Larry O. (Betty Stutzman) a son **Paul**, October 22

Wayne Co., Ohio

Byler, Andy M. (Esther Burkholder) Apple Creek R2, a son **Galen Eugene** September 29
Miller, David Jr. (Emma Troyer) Orrville R3, a dau. **Fannie**, October 17
Troyer, Abe M. (Emma Yoder) Fredericksburg, a dau. **Verna**, Sept. 29
Yoder, Ervin (Lydia Yoder) Apple Creek R2, a son **Ferman**, October 23

Holmes Co., Ohio

Coblentz, Ivan (Esther Miller) Fredericksburg R2, a son **Robert**, Sept. 30
Hershberger, Adam E. (Malinda Troyer) Baltic R1, a dau. **Anna**, Oct. 13
Hershberger, Andrew H. (Fannie Stutzman) Millersburg R5, a son **Andrew**, October 24
Kauffman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J., Millersburg R6, a son **Raymond Jr.**, September 20
Miller, Andy J. (Annie Miller) Millersburg R5, a dau. **Fannie**, October 10
Miller, Christ D. A. (Verla Yoder) Millersburg R5, a son **Atlee**, Sept. 21
Miller, David D. (Mattie Miller) Baltic R1, a son **David D. Jr.**, October 9
Miller, Emanuel J. (Anna Weaver) Millersburg R5, a dau. **Fannie**, Sep26
Miller, Firman (Ruth Miller) Millersburg R5, a son, October 24
Miller, Jonas J. (Anna ~~Raber) Baltic R1, a son **Ivan**, October~~ 19
Raber, Dan D. (Lydia Miller) Big Prarie R1, a son **Roman**, October 2
Raber, Marvin E. (Twila Yoder) Millersburg, a daughter, October 23
Schlabach, Alvin H. (Lucinda Yoder) Sugarcreek R1, a dau. **Susie**, Oct19
Schlabach, Floyd (Emma Yoder) Lakeville, a daughter **Katie**, October
Schlabach, Roman S. (Katie Miller) Baltic R1, a son, October 17
Troyer, David A. (Mabel Kline) Fredericksburg R2, twins, son **Atlee**, daughter stillborn, September 25
Weaver, Dan A. (Amanda Hershberger) Fredericksburg R2, a son **Atlee**, October 26
Weaver, Ivan B. (Martha Miller) Millersburg R5, a son, October 23
Weaver, Levi E. (Betty Yoder) Millersburg, a son, October 15
Weaver, Paul E. (Esther Miller) Sugar Creek R2, a son **David**, October 11
Yoder, Abe M. (Susan Miller) Baltic R1, a son, October 20
Yoder, Aden A. E. (Edna Troyer) Millersburg R5, a son **Emery**, Sept. 23

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Dan J., Millersburg R3, a son **Adrian**, October

Yoder, Eli N. (Emma Mast) Baltic, a son, October 23

Yoder, Henry A. (Malinda Beachy) Dundee R2, twin son and daughter, one was stillborn, and the other died soon after birth, October 23

Yoder, Henry C. (Anna Mast) Baltic, a son **Marvin**, October 7

Yoder, Jake A. (Ella Yoder) Dundee R2, a son **Wayne**, September 28

Yoder, Joseph A. (Katie Hershberger) Fredericksburg R2, a son **Marvin**, October 31

Yoder, Levi M. (Fannie Yoder) Sugar Creek R1,, a son **Aaron**, Sept. 28

Yoder, Roy D. (Verna Miller) Millersburg R5, a son, September 27

Hicksville, Ohio

Bontrager, Melvin (Marie Shetler) a daughter **Joanna**, September 13

Miller, Nelson (Ada Yoder) a son **Ezra Jay**, September 4

Stoll, Joseph (Rachel Graber) a son **Amos Dewayne**, August 23

Bronson, Michigan

Keim, Leander J. (Anna Miller) Orland, a daughter **Barbara**

Steuben Co., Indiana

Schmucker, Noah (Rebecca Steury) Hamilton, a daughter **Eva**, October 4

Schwartz, Joseph N. J. (Barbara S. Schwartz) Angola, a dau, **Katie**, Oc28

Wagler, Amos (Mary A. Girod) Hamilton, a dau.' **Fannie**, October 18

Allen Co., Indiana

Graber, Joseph (Rosa Wagler) a daughter, **Arlene**, October 22

Graber, Samuel (Lillie Schmucker) twin sons **Leroy** and **Lewis**, October 28

Lengacher, Martin (Marian Zehr) a son **David**, October 14

Schmucker, Mervin (Delila Schmucker) a son **Steven**, October 1

Schmucker, William LaVerne (Rosa Ann Graber) a dau. **Sarah Erlene**, October 18

Zehr, Menno (Mary Ann Brandenberger) a son **Joseph**, October 7

Adams Co., Indiana

Christner, Levi C. (Rosie Miller) Geneva R1, a daughter **Amy**, Sept. 20

Christner, Sam (Emma M. Girod) Monroe R1, a son **Samuel**, October 1

Eicher, Dan A. J. (Becky Schwartz) Geneva R2, a dau. **Mary**, October 8

Girod, Levi J. (Rosie N. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a son **Nathan**, October 1

Schwartz, Enos G. (Irene F. Schwartz) Geneva R1, a dau. **Ruth**, Oct. 3

Schwartz, Joe M. (Leah L. Girod) Monroe R1, a dau. **Mary**, October 16

Schwartz, Amos G. (Emma H. Schwartz) Monroe R1 a son **David**, Oct. 19

Shetler, Andy J. (Sovilla K. Hilty) Monroe R1, a dau. **Barbara**, October 2

Troyer, Lavern (Carol Hilty) Berne R1, a dau. **Barbara Ann**, October 18

Weaver, Eli (Katie E. Schwartz) Berne R2, a son, October 27

Wickey, Levi L. J. (Frances Schwartz) Geneva R2, a son **David**, Oct. 5

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Beechy, Amos J. (Lorene Hershberger) Topeka R2, a son **Vernon**, Oct. 14

Beechy, Daniel W. (Edna Schrock) LaGrange R4, a son **Floyd**, October 7

Beechy, Elmer J. (Wilma Yoder) Wolcottville R3, a dau. **Kathryn E.**, October 7

Bontrager, Elmer A. (Mary A. Schrock) LaGrange, R4, a son **Jacob**, Oct 3

Bontrager, Joe D. (Edna L. Bontrager) Topeka R2, a son **Delmer J.**, October 16

Bontrager, Samuel S. (Fannie Mae Miller) Wolcottville R2, a son **Vernon Jay**, October 10

Chupp, Lloyd R. (Edith Eash) Ligonier R1, a dau. **Waneta L.**, October 4

Lambright, Harley L. (Marietta Schrock) Lambright R3, a son **Mark**, October 8

Lehman, Daniel (Ada Bontrager) Shipshewana R1, twon sons **Jerry D.** and **Perry D.**, September 27

Mast, Ervin J. (Ida Mae Yoder) Wolcottville R2, a dau. **LuElla**, October 3

Miller, David A. (Mary Kathryn Miller) a daughter **Lori Mae**, October 18

Miller, Orla (Esther Bontrager) Topeka R2, a son **Dewayne O.**, October 1

Miller, Perry E. A. (Wilma E. Yoder) LaGrange R4, a son **Rueben W.**, October 15

Petersheim, Orva J. (Edith N. Stutzman) a daughter **Edna Fern**, Oct. 15

Raber, Levi M. (Irene H. Miller) a daughter **Marlene L.**, October 17

Schlabach, LaVern J. (Fannie Mae Yoder) LaGrange R1, a son **David Lee** October 6

Yoder, Alvin (Rosa Yoder) Wolcottville R3, a daughter **Leona**, Sept. 28

Yoder, Marvin W. (Mary Ellen Yoder, a son **Kenneth Devon**, October 17

Ethridge, Tennessee

Byler, Nevin D. (Emma D. Gingerich) a daughter **Leah**, October 23

Gingerich, Mahlon H. (Lizzid Yoder) a son **Gideon**, October 23

Hostetler, Sam J. (Lovina U. Gingerich) a daughter **Susie**, October 17

Mast, Enos J. (Lizzie S. Yoder) a daughter **Katie**, September 17

Yoder, Andy S. (Sarah J. Mast) a son **Jacob**, October 14

Jamesport, Missouri

Bontrager, Eli L. (Ruth Ann Yoder) a daughter **Elizabeth**, October 27

Elkhart Co., Indiana

Bontrager, David (Anna Miller) Middlebury, a son **David Jr.**, October 2

Miller, Floyd O. (Betty Slabach) Shipshewana R2, a dau. **Linda Sue**, September 30

Slabach, Nathaniel (Wilma Mishler) Middlebury, a dau. **Sharon Jolene**, October 17

Yoder, Tobie (Leanna Whetstone) Meddlebury, a dau. **Sarah Louise**, October 1

Arthur, Illinois

Helmuth, Cris (Dorothy Herschberger) a daughter **Esther**, october 23

Herschberger, Raymond, (Dorothy Otto) a son **Derald**, October 5

Hostetler, Mr. and Mrs. (Elizabeth Hostetler) a dau. **LuElla**, October 28

Hostetler, Ervin (Elizabeth Hostetler) a daughter, October 17

Miller, Dave (Lydia Mae Beachey) a daughter, October 29

Schrock, Lewis (Viola Herschberger) a daughter **LuElla**, October 10

Yoder, Wilmer (Ella Herschberger) a son **Wilbur**, October 9

Seymour, Missouri

Schwartz, Dave W. (Ametie Yoder) a son **Enos D.**, October 15

Schwartz, Sam J. K. (Maggie E. Schwartz) a son **Joe**, October 28

Reno Co., [Haven] Kansas

Miller, Elton (Irene Bontrager) Haven R2, a dau. **Katie Mae**, Sept. 12

Johnson Co., Iowa

Beachy, Roy (Elizabeth Ann Schrock) twins **Ivan** and **Inez**, October 2

Bontrager, Freddie (Lydia Schrock) Hazleton, a son **David Wayne**, Oct. 8

Gingerich, Jacob E. (Christina Kurtz) Independence, a son **Neal**, Oct. 4

Kurtz, Neal (Lizzie Bontrager) Fairbank, a son **Marvin**, October 24

Miller, Noah (Mary Shetler) Hazleton, a son **Ivan**, October 1

Schwartz, Andy (Mattie Kauffman) Fairbank, a son **David**, October 6

Cashton, Wisconsin

Schmucker, Chris (Catherine Miller) a son **Chester**, October 23

Amherst, Wisconsin

Yoder, Monroe (Susie Lehman) a daughter **Elnora**, September 22

Evansville, Wisconsin

Detweilers, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy, a son **David**, October 14

Blair, Wisconsin

Schrock, William W.)Edna) a daughter **Susanna**, October 31

Medford, Wisconsin

Beechy, John (Mattie Mast) a son **Everst Lee**, August

Borntrager, Tobias (Fannie Miller) a daughter, **Dora**, September 30

Miller, Clarence (Susie Borntrager) a son **Harley**, August 5

Miller, Yost (Katie Borntrager) a daughter **Mary**, August

Troyer, Henry (Lovina Miller) a daughter **Lydia Miriam**, August

Cashton, Wisconsin

Hochstetler, Rufus (Fannie Sommers) a son **Bennie**, June 30

Schrock, Roman (Annie Hershberger) a daughter **Nancy**, September 18

Utica, Minnesota

Yoder, Alvin (Verba Shetler) a son **Perry**, October 7

Canton, Minnesota

Swartzentruber, Jacob W. (Rebecca D.) a son **Eli**, October 20

Wengerd, Andy (Lovina Miller) a daughter **Mattie**, October 13

Lucknow, Ontario

Miller, Albert (Ella Stutzman) Lucknow R2, a daughter **Miriam**, Sept. 10

Grey Co., Ontario

Gingerich, Abe J. (Mattie Miller) a son **Samuel**, October 18

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Obitaries

BEACHY, Esther, Johnson Co., Iowa
died October 10. She was the daughter of Roy and Elizabeth Ann Beachy. She was an abnormal child all of her short life. She is survived with her parents by her twin brother and sister, Ivan and Inez.

The funeral was held on October 12, by Abe Yoder of Milton and Bishop Henry B. Miller.

BEILER, infant son, Kinzer, Pennsylvania
was born dead at his home, October 2. He was the son of Amos E. and Mary E. (Zook) Beiler. He is survived with his parents by a brother, David, at home; maternal grandparents: Amos and Emma Allgyer Zook, Gap R1; paternal grandparents, John F. and Betsy (Zook) Beiler, Kinzer R1. maternal great-grandfather, Jacob K. Zook, Gap R1; a maternal Great-grandmother, Lizzie L. Allgyer, Gap R1; paternal great-grandparents, Henry K. and Sarah K. Beiler, Kinzer R1; and paternal, great-grandparents, Daniel and Sarah Zook, Ronks R2.

BLUCKER, Lydia, 82, Arthur, Illinois
died October 4, at the age of 82 years, 2 months, and 6 days. Born August 8, 1895, she was a daughter of William and Lizzie (Schrock) Blucker. Her father died in 1896. Her mother married David Hostetler, December 13, 1914, and died February 17, 1937. Lydia stayed with relatives and friends until May 1973, when she went to the Beachy Rest Home near Arthur and was there until she died. She was a semi-invalid for three years, was taken to the St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, September 19th, had surgery the 20th for a perforated stomach ulcer. Surviving are one sister, Katie, who was unable to attend, one sister-in-law, several neices and nephews, and several step relatives.

Funeral services were held at the home, October 7. Burial was in the Otto Cemetery. Sermon by Eli Stutzman and Bishop William Mast. Some strangers attended the funeral from out of state.

BONTRAGER, Joseph R., 61, LaGrange Co., Indiana
died October 29, after an illness of cancer. He was a son of the late Rueben and Lizzie Ann (Lehman) Bontrager, and was married to Ida Mae Miller. Surviving are two sons, Daniel and Ervin Jay.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 2.

ESH twin infants, Bird-In-Hand, Pennsylvania
died shortly after birth Saturday at the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. They were sons of Jacob and Barbara Esh. Surviving in addition to their parents are their paternal grandparents, Eli and Fannie Esh, Christiana R1, and their maternal grandparents, Daniel and Katie Stoltzfus, Bird-In-Hand R1, Maternal great-grandparents, Amos and Barbara Smucker, Ronks R1, a paternal step great-grandmother, Mrs. Annie Esh, Ronks R1, a maternal step great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Stoltzfus, Ronks R1.

ESH, Noah Z., 67, Gap, Pennsylvania
died Friday, October 14, at his home after a lengthy illness. He was a self-employed carpenter. He was born in New Holland, and was a son of the late John K. and Rebecca (Zook) Esh. Surviving are his widow, Emma S. (Zook) Esh; a daughter and two sons: Elsie, wife of John Riehl, Gap R2; David Esh, Kinzer; Samuel Esh, Gap R2; eight grandchildren and these brothers and sisters: Jacob Esh, Melinda Barto, Rachel, wife of Elam M. Zook, all of New Holland R3, and Eli Esh, Oxford R2.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 17, at 12:30 P.M., at the home of Leroy M. Stoltzfus. Burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

KING, Samuel S., 3 days, Leola R1, Pennsylvania
Died Friday, October 7, at the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. He was the son of Daniel F. and Rebecca K. (Stoltzfoos) King. In addition to his parents he is survived by his paternal grandparents, Christ K. and Barbara King of Leola R1; his maternal grandparents, Benuel K. and Lydia Stoltzfoos of Gordonville R1; his paternal great-grandparents, Benjamin L. King of Bird-In-Hand R1 and Elam S. and Sarah Fisher of Gordonville R1; and his maternal great-grandparents, John F. and Annie Stoltzfoos of Bird-In-Hand R1 and Eli S. King of Ronks R1.

Funeral services were held at the home by Samuel Lapp. Lied No. 378 by Johnny Miller. Burial was at the Upper Millcreek Cemetery, Leid No. 377, by Johnny Miller, absheid by David Glick. Pallbearers were Amos and Stevie King.

LAPP, Rachel, 89, Gordonville, Pennsylvania
died Monday at 4:30 a.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Lapp, Newport Rd., Gordonville R1. She had been under the care of a physician. She was the widow of Moses Lapp who died on September 16, 1975. She was born in Upper Leacock Township, and was a daughter of the late Christian and Elizabeth (Lantz) Blank. She is survived by the following children: Christian K. Lapp, Gap R2; Seth J. Lapp, Myerstown; Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Bremen, Ind.; Mrs. Sylvia Lapp, with whom she resided; Mrs. Lena Beiler, Narvon R1; Omar J. Lapp, Gap R1, and John H. Lapp, Port Allegheny; 41 grandchildren and 85 great-grandchildren, and two brothers, Samuel and Henry Blank, both of New Holland R1.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 12, at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Lapp, Gordonville. Burial was in the Spring Garden Cemetery.

MILLER, Susanna, 11 months, Middlebury, Indiana
died Tuesday, October 11, at her home. She is a daughter of Melvin and Irene (Beechy) Miller. She was born November 5, 1976 in the Goshen Hospital, Goshen, Indiana. Suriviving with her parents are one brother, William, at home; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Beechy, Shipshewana; Mrs. Annie Miller, Wolcottville; and her Great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Beechy, Topeka and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller, Nappanee.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 13, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Elmer Lehman with the Bishop Melvin H. Miller and the Minister William Miller officiating. Burial was in the Naylor Cemetery.

SCHLABACH, Jacob, 81, Millersburg, Star Route, Ohio
died October 11, at Wooster Community Hospital, following an eight month illness. He was born in Holmes County to Christian and Fannie Yoder Schlabach and married Sadie Tice, who died September 29, 1947. Surviving are seven sons, Crist A. of Orrville, Olen J. of Holmesville RD1, Dan J. C. of Fredericksburd RD3, Calvin of Dundee RD1, Alvin of Apple Creek RD2, Jacob Jr. of Millersburg Star Route and Alfred of Wooster RD3; four daughters, Mrs. Emanuel (Edna) Wengerd of Fredericksburg RD1 and Oma, Effie and Ruth, all of the home; 60 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held October 14, at the home with Bishop Levi Hochstetler officiating. Burial was in Hochstetler Cemetery in Berlin Township.

STOLTZFUS, Elam M., 6 weeks, paradise R1, Pennsylvania
died at home Thursday morning, October 13. He had been ill since birth. He is a son of Jonathan M. and Amanda B. (Lapp) Stoltzfus. He was born in Lancaster, and is survived in addition to his parents, by two brothers, Alvin L. and Samuel L., both at home; maternal grandparents, Samuel and Barbara Lapp, Ronks R1; paternal grandparents, Jerry and Mattie Stoltzfus, Leola, and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Annie Miller, Bird-In-Hand R1, he was preceded in death by a sister, Hannah.

Funeral services were held at the home, October 14, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler and Preacher Aaron E. Fisher, hymn read by Deacon Elam Esch. Burial was at Beilers Cemetery, hymn read by Deacon John Y. Beiler, absheid by Preacher Amos K. Stoltzfus.

STOLTZFUS, Jonas, 2 days old, St. Mary's Co., Maryland
died at the hospital on the evening of October 3, of heart defects. He was a son of Joseph S. and Susie Stoltzfus, and was born October 1. Surviving besides his parents are these brothers and sisters: Lydia, Barbara, Sadie, Levi, Elam, Jesse, Amos, Melvin, and Emanuel.

Funeral services were held October 4 at the home by Israel Z. Swarey and Levi I. Swarey. A lied was read in the house by Andrew Hertzler; another one at the graveyard by Amos R. Stoltzfus; abshied by Sam J. Stoltzfus. Pall bearers were Benjamin Swarey and Ben L. Stoltzfus.

YODER, infant son, Topeka R1, Indiana
was stillborn. He was a son of LaVern and Mable (Mullet) Yoder. Surviving with the parents are two brothers, Larry and LaVern Jr. and three sisters, Sara Sue, Edna Fern and Kathryn Ann, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra M. Yoder of Topeka and Mr. and Mrs. Noah E. Mullet of Topeka.

Graveside services were held on Monday, October 24 in the Yoder Cemetery near Shipshewana, Bishop Amos J. Miller officiated.

YODER, Melvin, 48, Guthrie R2, Kentucky
died Friday, October 14, following a farm accident while spreading fertilizer alone at his home (see front page). He was born March 3, 1929 at Loogootee, Indiana. He was the son of Jonas and Hannah (Wagler) Yoder. Surviving are his widow Mattie (Hochstetler), 9 children all at home, Steven Eugene, Dayle Ann, Donna Faye, Donald Ray, Ernest Wayne, Lana Sue, Anita Dawn, Kevin Lynn, and Ellen Renee. Two brothers, Abner of Goshen, Indiana, and Raymond of Loogootee, Indiana, 2 sisters, Fannie Mae (Mrs. Lester Knepp) and Catherine Yoder, both of Montgomery, Indiana. Also nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts. Father, Mother and 2 half brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held October 17 by Walter Swartz from Indiana and Simon Yoder of Kentucky. In the basement by Eli Burkholder from Croften and Bill Chupp from Indiana.

Yoder, Mose, 92, Millersburg R D 5, Ohio
died October 17, at Pomerene Hospital following a long illness. He was born in Illinois to Noah J. and Barbara (Bontrager) Yoder. He wsas married to Rebecca Mast who died in 1962. Surviving are eight sons, Allen and Henry of Millersburg Star Route; Jacob of Hutchinson, Kansas; John of Berlin, Elmer of Dundee R D 1, Eli of the home and Albert and Levi of Fredericksburg R D 2; a daughter, Mrs. Ammon (Elma) Wengerd of Millersburg R D 1; 59 grandchildren 64 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jacob and Tobe of Oregon and John of Hutchinson, Kansas; and two sisters. Mrs. Harvey (Sue) Schrock of Oregon and Mrs. Mattie Schrock of Indiana.

Funeral services were held October 20 at the home by Bishop Levi Hochstetler. Burial was in Hochstetler Cemetery in Berlin Twp.

Marriages

Dover, Delaware

Byler, Coblentz - Ervin, son of Andrew W. and Lizzie Byler, to Susan, daughter of Freeman J. and Anna Mary Coblentz, October 20, by Bishop William Mullet.

Hershberger, Mast - Eli, son of Jacob J. and Sylvia Hershberger, to Anna Mae, daughter of Henry Y. and Miriam Mast, October 27, by Bishop Andrew J. Hershberger.

Stutzman, Beachy - Widdower Jacob G. Stutzman, to Widdow Matilda (Schrock) Beachy, October 30, by Bishop Dan A. Yoder.

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania

Peight, Kanagy - Leroy, son of Samuel and Sarah (Swarey) Peight, to Lizzie, daughter of Noah and Leah (Yoder) Kanagy, by Bishop Daniel M. Peachey, October 25.

Peachey, Peachey - Menno, son of Alvin and Susan (Schrock) Peachey of Somerset Co., to Katie, daughter of Ezra F. and Miriam (Swarey) Peachey, by Bishop Joshua Renno, October 27.

Somerset Co., Pennsylvania

Beachy, Yoder - Roy, son of Preacher Dave and Effie (Yoder) Beachy, to Sarah, daughter of Effie (Yoder) and the late Pete E. Yoder, October 27, by Bishop Bennie A. Yoder.

Geauga Co., Ohio

Byler, Kurtz - Ray, son of Dan C. and Sarah Byler, to Betty, daughter of Albert D. and Lydia Kurtz, October 6, by Bishop Andy C. Byler.

Fisher, Yoder - John, son of John and Sarah Fisher, to Miriam, daughter of Homer E. and Nannie Yoder, October 6, BY Bishop Crist R. Hershberger.

Miller, Burkholder - Dan, son of Allen D. and Lizzie Miller, to Susan, daughter of Andy and Sara Burkholder, October 4.

Byler, Miller - Elmer, son of Mrs. Jake E. Byler and Kathryn, daughter of Dan K. and Emma Miller, October 13.

Detweiler, Detweiler - Dan, son of Noah J. and Mattie Detweiler, to Emma, daughter of Andy R. and Mattie Detweiler, October 11.

Troyer, Miller - Ray, son of Noah and Catherine Troyer, to Ruth, daughter of Eli J. and Ada Miller.

Gingerich, Detweiler - Robert, son of William M. and Ella Gingerich, to Susan, daughter of Noah J. and Mattie Detweiler, October 27.

Wayne Co., Ohio

Hershberger, Miller - Raymond, son of Henry E. and Fannie (Miller) Hershberger, to Katie Ann, daughter of Jonas J. and Katie (Yoder) Miller, October 18, in the Jacob Troyer District, by John Miller.

Miller, Miller - Paul, son of Roy and Elva (Troyer) Miller, to Edna, daughter of John Jr. and Anna (Miller) Miller were married October 27, at the Jacob Troyer District.

Wengerd, Mast - David, son of Adrian And Amanda (Miller) Wengerd, to Mary Esther, daughter of Ivan and Nettie (Yoder) Mast, October 27.

Holmes Co., Ohio

Sam, son of Albert D. and Ella (Yoder) Erb, Sugar Creek, to Miriam, daughter of Raymond M. and Emma (Troyer) Miller, Millersburg R4, October 6, by Bishop Andy E. Yoder.

Abe, son of John F. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Raber, to Sarah, daughter of Menno A. and Mattie (Hershberger) Erb, October 13, by Bishop Eli E. Hershberger at the brides home of Sugar Creek R1.

Raber, Erb - Abe, son of John F. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Raber, to Sarah, daughter of Menno A. and Mattie (Hershberger) Erb, October 13, by bishop Eli E. Hershberger.

Yoder, Erb - David, son of Preacher David J. C. and Malinda (Troyer) Yoder, to Elsie, daughter of Menno A. and Mattie (Hershberger) Erb, October 20, by Bishop Levi H. Swartz, Berne.

Hershberger, Raber - Mahlon, son of Alvin A. F. and Katieann (Yoder) Hershberger, to Ada, daughter of Amos and Lizzie (Yoder) Raber, October 11, in Dan J. D. Miller District.

Miller, Hershberger - Andy, son of Andy D. and Anna (Hochstetler) Miller, to Sarah, daughter of Jonas D. and Edna (Hershberger)Troyer, October 27, in Dan N. Yoder District.

Hershberger, Beachy - Atlee, son of Dan D. and Sarah (Schlabach) Hershberger, to Miriam, daughter of Sylvanus and Alma (Miller) Beachy, October 13, in the Melvin Miller District.

Miller, Keim - Ivan, son of Minister John and Clara (Hershberger) Miller, to Esther, daughter of Ezra and Ella (Yoder) Keim, Oct. 13.

Hicksville, Ohio

Stoll, Raber - Amos Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Stoll, Loogootee, Indiana, to Mary, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Nisly) Raber, October 1, by Bishop Victor P. Yoder.

Allen Co., Indiana

Zehr, Graber - Lester, son of Pete and Mary Ann (Witmer) Zehr, to Wilma, daughter of Martin and Marjorie (Steury) Graber, by Bishop Victor Graber, October 9.

Wengerd, Schwartz - Daniel, son of Jonas and Ruth (Wickey) Wengerd, To Ruby, daughter of Chris and Ruby (Delegrange) Schwartz, by Bishop Joe Delagrange, Norfolk, New York, October 13.

Lengacher, Graber - Daniel, son of John and Mary (Schwartz) Lengacher, to Amy, daughter of Amos and Susan (Schwartz) Graber, by Bishop Victor Graber, October 16.

Adams Co., Indiana

Shetler, Schwartz - Levi A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shetler Jr., Berne, to Esther J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Schwartz, Geneva, October 20.

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Hochstedler, Bontrager - Lamar, son of Preacher Perry and Fannie (Gingerich) Hochstedler, to Esther L., daughter of Levi E. and Ada (Eash) Bontrager, October 27.

Lehman, Bontrager - Samuel, son of Yost and Katie (Hershberger) Lehman, to Ida Mae, daughter of Ezra W. and Clara (Miller) Bontrager, October 27.

Miller, Schlabach - Vernon, son of Levi J. and Annie (Mast) Miller, to Susie, daughter of Ervin and Fanny (Troyer) Schlabach, October.

Bontrager, Hochstedler - Glen Richard, son of Manas Jr. and Mary (Miller) Bontrager, to Katie Mae, daughter of Leroy and Nettie (Slabach) Hochstedler, October 20.

Bontrager, Hochstedler - Ervin Dean, son of Mahlon and Lydia Mae (Yoder) Bontrager, to Erma, daughter of LeRoy and Nettie (Slabach) Hochstedler, October 7.

Miller, Bontrager - Herman, son of Bishop Daniel A. and Ida (Bontrager) Miller, to Edna, daughter of Ammon and Katie (Miller) Bontrager, October 20.

Lehman, Miller - Orie E., son of Elva D. and Ida Mae (Miller) Lehman, to Wilma, daughter of Bishop Leonard and Ruby (Schlabach) Miller, October 26.

Miller, Miller - Wilbur, son of Lloyd and Anna Mae (Miller) Yoder, to Lydia Mae, daughter of Ammon and Katie (Miller) Bontrager, October 27.

Elkhart Co., Indiana

Miller, Miller - Wilbur L., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller, Shipshewana, to Nora Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Miller, Middlebury, October 6.

Yoder, Nisley - Jonnie J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Yoder, Middlebury, to Betty Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nisley, Goshen, October 13.

Lambright, Wingard - Lloyd O., son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Lambright, Topeka, to Lenora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wingard, Middlebury, October 13.

Arthur, Illinois

Schrock, Jess - Richard J., son of Jake and Katie (Mast) Schrock, to Vera E. Jess, daughter of Ervin and Sovilla (Kauffman) Jess.

Otto, Kaufman - David, son of Jonas and Sarah (Mast) Otto, to Marilyn, daughter of Joe W. and Alma (Herschberger) Kaufman.

Guthrie, Kentucky

Byler, Coblentz - William, son of William and Ada Byler, to Erma, daughter of Noah and Katie Coblentz, October 13, by Bishop Simon Yoder.

Schlabach, Schlabach - Leroy, son of Owen and Ada Schlabach, to Betty, daughter of Ray and Emma Schlabach, October 20, by Bishop Simon Yoder.

Ethridge, Tennessee

Mast, Miller - Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mast, to Fannie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe E. Miller, October 17.,

Jamesport, Missouri

Yoder, Detweiler, Ervin, son of Minister and Mrs. Elmer J. Yoder, Dover, Delaware, to Ada, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Tobias Detweiler, October 20.

Anabel, Missouri

Borntrager, Miller - Ernest, son of Rudy S. and Anna (Schwartz) Borntrager, Bowling Green, to Edna, daughter of Chriss L. and Amanda (Yoder) Miller, October 4, by Bishop Jacob W. Eicher, Bowling Green.

Marshfield, Missouri

Byler, Yoder - Rudy, son of Noah and Barbara (Mast) Byler, Wroxeter, Ontairo, to Sovilla, daughter of Eli and Sovilla (Yoder) Yoder by Bishop Noah Byler, October 20.

Reno Co. [Haven] Kansas

Yoder, Petersheim - Allen, son of Preacher Sam J. and Katie (Bontrager) Yoder, to Fannie, daughter of Tobie and Ida (Knepp) Petersheim, October 6, by Bishop Jonas P. Borntrager.

Buchanan Co., Iowa

Schwartz, Yoder - Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Schwartz, to Miriam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mast, by Bishop Philip Yoder.

Mast, Nisly - Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mast, to Mary Ann, daughter of Mrs. John Nisly.

Cashton, Wisconsin

Hochstetler, Hershberger - John Hochstetler, to Barbara Hershberger, October 20, by Bishop John Schmucker.

Wilton, Wisconsin

Borntreger, Borntrager - Amos, son of Joe A. and Susan (Miller) Borntreger, to Lena, daughter of Eli U. and Lena (Gingerich) Borntrager, October 25, by Bishop Amos M. Borntreger.

Baptisms

Adams Co., Pennsylvania

BY Bishop John M. Beiler, Ronks, Pa.
Fannie B. Fisher, daughter of Stephen and Edith (Byler) Fisher
Fannie B., daughter of Gideon and Sadis (Byler) Stoltzfus
Susie B., daughter of Stephen and Edith (Byler) Fisher

Wayne Co., Ohio

Jacob R. Troyer District, October 16
Aden, son of Dan and Mary (Stutzman) Mast

Elkhart Co., Indiana

Southwest Clinton District, October 2
Miriam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nisley

Arthur, Illinois

Edward Nisley District, October 16
Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra J. Plank
Howard A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Schrock
Sharon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Yoder

Buchanan Co., Iowa

by Bishop Philip Yoder, September 2
Lovina, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Ura Gingerich
Dora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gingerich
Rosie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mast
Northwest District, September 30
Ammon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kauffman
Ervin, son of Preacher and Mrs. John Yutzy, Arkansas

Ordinations

St Mary's County, Maryland

Jacob Stoltzfus, 37, was ordained bishop, October 25, in the West District. He is a son of Amos L. and Sarah Stoltzfus of Franklin Co., Pennsylvania, and is married to Sylvia, daughter of Ike and Rebecca Hertzler. In the lot with him were Levi Swarey and Amos Stoltzfus.

Tobe Stoltzfus, 31, was ordained deacon, October 26, in the Israel Swarey District. He is a son of Deacon Elam D. and Mary Stoltzfus, and is married to Katie, daughter of Mose and Mary Hostetler of Path Valley, Pennsylvania. Others in the lot were Ike Fisher, Daniel M. Stoltzfus, Amos S. Stoltzfus and Samuel S. Hertzler.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Moses K. Blank, 60, Gap R1, was ordained bishop in Lower Pequea, Gap District, October 19. He is married to Fannie Kauffman, and was ordained minister in 1950. With him in the lot was Jacob F. Stoltzfoos.

Daniel K. King, 45, Ephrata R2, was ordained deacon in Upper Millcreek, Talmage District, October 22. He is a son of Benjamin L. and the late Sadie E. (King) King, and is married to Annie E., daughter of Eli B. and Levina Stoltzfus of Bird-in-Hand R1. With him in the lot of seven were Elam K. King, Ephraim G. Zook, John J. Beiler, Henry M. Stoltzfus, Abram S. Stoltzfus, and Elam F. Lapp.

Jacob S. King, 42, Leola R1, was ordained minister in Upper Millcreek, Lititz District, October 21. He is a son of Samuel E. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King, and is married to Sarah E., daughter of Elam S. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Fisher of Gordonville R1. With him in the lot of five were Stephen R. Glick, David K. King, Melvin I. Stoltzfus, and Amos I. Esh.

Isaac E. Stoltzfus, 34, Nottingham R2, was ordained deacon in West Union District, October 20. He is a son of Katie (Fisher) and the late John L. Stoltzfus, and is married to Barbara, daughter of Samuel M. and Annie (King) Fisher of Bird-in-Hand R1. With him in the lot of eight were Jacob M. Stoltzfus, Joshua S. Stoltzfus, Daniel K. Fisher, Amos N. Stoltzfus, Christ S. Zook, Jonathan H. Beiler, and John King.

Nittany Valley, Pennsylvania

Samuel S. Glick, 31, Mill Hall R1, was ordained minister. He is a son of David S. and Bena (Stoltzfus) Glick, and is married to Katie, daughter of Benjamin S. and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus of Christiana R1. With him in the lot of seven were John L. Esh, Elam B. Stoltzfus, David Glick, Henry Glick, Henry Stoltzfus, and Mark Stoltzfus.

Snyder Co., Pennsylvania

Samuel M. Troyer, 62, was ordained minister. In the lot with him were Amos Eicher and Amos Schwartz. David L. Nisly officiated.

Geauga County, Ohio

David Byler, 35, was ordained deacon, September 25. He is a son of Bishop John H. and Sara Byler, and is married to Ruth, daughter of Norman and Lydia Ann Bender.

Albert Miller Jr., 36, was ordained minister, October 15. He is a son of Mrs. Dan E. Yoder, and is married to Betty, daughter of Andy S. and Mattie Byler.

Neil Miller, 26, was ordained minister, October 22. He is a son of Eli E. and Anna Miller, and is married to Mattie, daughter of Deacon Jake L. and Ella Hershberger.

Holmes Co., Pennsylvania

Dan M. Miller, 46, of Sugar Creek R2, was ordained minister, October 2, in the Noah J. Coblentz District from a lot of 14.

Dan E. Weaver, 35, of Big Prairie R1, was ordained minister in Lakeville District, October 23.

Adams Co., Indiana

Reuben N. Schwartz, 39, of Monroe, was ordained Bishop, October 11, in the West Blue Creek District. He is married to Mary G. (Eicher) daughter of Mrs. Joseph Eicher, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Schwartz.

LaGrange Co., Indiana

Richard Bontrager, 25, of LaGrange R4, was ordained minister in the LaGrange District by Bishop Daniel W. Beechy. He is a son of Harley E. and Orpha (Lambright) Bontrager, and is married to Erma, daughter of Amos and Edna Hochstedler, they have 3 children. His father and a younger brother were among those in the lot with him.

Arthur, Illinois

Lewis Chupp, 37, was ordained deacon, October 9. He is a son of the late Jake and Mattie Chupp, and is married to Mary, daughter of Chris and Lizzieann Bontrager.

Elva M. Chupp, 30, was ordained deacon, October 16. He is a son of Menno and Sara (Gingerich) Chupp, and is married to Bertha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kauffman.

John J. Yoder, 36, was ordained minister, October 22. He is a son of Deacon Joe and Amanda Yoder, and is married to a daughter of Amanda and the late Abe D. Yoder.

Ervin Hostetler, 29, was ordained minister, October 23. He is a son of Joe and Mattie Hostetler, and is married to a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hostetler of Jamesport, Missouri.

Jamesport, Missouri

Joe T. Detweiler, 36, was ordained deacon in East District, October 9. He is a son of Bishop and Mrs. Tobias J. Detweiler. His wife Mattie is a daughter of Adam Schrocks of Bronson, Michigan.

Bronson Co., Iowa

Dan S. Beechy, 57, was ordained minister in the South East Church District, October 16, out of a lot of 12.

Dan R. Gingerich, 31, was ordained minister, in the Middle East District, October 23, out of a lot of 8.

Cashton, Wisconsin

Harvey Miller, 41, was ordained Bishop, October 11. Others in the lot with him were William Schmucker and Melvin M. Hershberger.

KINDNESS

I shall pass through this world but once.
If, therefore, there be any kindness
I can show,
or any good thing I can do,
let me do it now;
let me not defer it or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again.
— Grellet

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

October gave us a nice month of fall weather, with temperatures and rainfall normal. The total rainfall for the month was 5.3 inches, with a high temperature of 75 on the 2 and a low of 32 on the 18th. Here in our neighborhood nothing is frozen yet. Although there are spots around that had frost.

Farmers have not been able to get much corn shredded due to wet weather. Most of the fall seeding looks much better than it did a year ago. There is still a lot of hay being brought in, some from as far away as Canada.

St Mary's Co., Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

October was nice for getting fall work done. We had nearly 6.5 inches of rain scattered through out the month. Our dry ground is finally soaked with 2.5 inches of rain on the 26. The fall grain fields are much greener and the weather is beautiful. We had our first frost on the 18.

Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, by Levi S. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for Bareville area was 4.3 inches. We had our first frost on the 18.

Market Report: fat cattle $41 - $46 cwt.; feeder cattle $35 - $45 cwt.; fat hogs $41 - $45 cwt.; 40 lb. feeder pigs .65 - .90 lb.; choice and prime veal $70 - $79 cwt.; dairy cows at New Holland $525 - $1275; new ear $30 - $40 ton; old ear corn $45 - $65 ton; Corn 1.90 bu.; wheat $2.30 bu.; barley$1,75 bu.; oats $1.55 bu.; hay $60-$105 ton; straw $70 - $115 ; corn fodder $56 ton; leghorn foul .10 lb.; heavy foul .20 - .30 lb.; pullets .48 lb.; ducks .61 lb.; turkey .49 lb.; gunieas $1.10 lb.; large eggs .53 doz.; potatoes retail $5.00 cwt.

By Christian L. Fisher

October began with cloudy weather, and on the 2 it was cool and windy, with showers on the 6. It cleared in the afternoon and was sunny on the 7, and rainy on the 8 and 9 with 1.1 inch. It was then cool and cloudy on the 10, cool and windy three days, rained 1.8 on the 14, cleared on the 15, rained the 16 - 17 inches. It was then sunny and cool three days, sunny, breezy and warm five days, rained on the 26, & 27 one half inch. It was foggy on the morning of the 28, sunny and windy the 29, warm the 30, cloudy the 31. We had several frosty mornings, and down to freezing several times.

Farmers were kept busy filling silo and making hay between the showers, the first part of the month. The corn picking is slow because of wet weather. We made a lot of fourth cutting hay. The corn yields are uneven and seeding is growing nicely.

Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

We didn't have so much October's bright blue weather due to a lot of rainy and cloudy days. A total of 6 inches of rain came mostly the first half of the month. Those who sowed wheat could hardly wait till the ground was dry to work it. We have had no killing frost yet, but did have a very light one.

The last two weeks were ideal weather for corn husking. The corn is only abour 2/3 of the usual yield due to hail and lack of moisture. Other parts of the county report a good crop again.

Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, by John K. Fisher

October was mostly warm in the daytime, but cool in the mornings. The rainfall for the month was 3.8 inches.

On the 16th it rained and by night it snowed some here and more on the mountains, which looked real nice. On the 31st, we had a good frost and most of the corn will be ready for the cribs soon. Corn picking has just started, potatoes are nearly dug, which seem to be a good crop.

Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, by Mary A. Kinsinger

October was a very rainy month or mostly so. We had quite a bit of rain, and on the 16 it rained all day, till evening, then it turned to snow, and snowed most of the night. It was a wet, heavy, clinging snow. It was quite a picture with so many colored leaves on the trees yet, but it broke down many trees and branches. With about 6 or 8 inches of snow and a high wind it played havoc with trees and electric lines. Electricity was off for nearly 4 days. It got warmer again and by the end of the week the snow was all melted. A lot was melted for water. Last week was exceptionally nice and warmer. The gardens are past, silos are filled, and corn husking is on the go.

Clinton Co., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

The first 2 days in October were rainy. We had a total of about 6 inches of rain for the month, bringing water supplies back to normal. We had our first hard frost on the 11th. Saturday evening of the 15th it was very clear, but by the next morning it was raining. It rained most of the day till late afternoon when it turned to snow. The temperature was 33, and by Monday morning we had 7 inches of snow on the ground, and 12 inches on the mountains. Most of the trees still had leaves on and the snow was wet, which was hard on tree branches. Some roads were closed, due to broken limbs, power lines were down. Some power wasn't restored till that afternoon. On Tuesday, the children were sledding in school. By Friday the snow was all gone. The trees still had pretty colors after the snow, but are mostly bare now. Since the 27, we have had sunny and pleasant weather with a high of 68 on the 27.

Centre Co., [Nittany Valley], Pennsylvania, by Henry M. Glick

October started in with rain. The first day it rained .6 inch with some wind. We had more rain and damp weather on the 8, 10 - 17, we had rain nearly every other day. We had 2 inches of snow on the 17, but till noon it was all gone. We had light frosts on the 12 and 13 and a heavy frost on the 18. On the 19 and 20th we had 3.5 inches of rain. The last week in October it was very nice. The corn is being picked and is a good crop. The silos are full, and some plowing is being done. The total rainfall was 5.5 inches, total snow 2 inches, and the lowest temperature was 29 degrees.

Centre Co. [Brush Valley], by David B. Stoltzfus

Silo filling came to an end soon after the first hard frost on the 7. Frosty mornings were common the rest of the month with a low temperature of 26 degrees on the 31. Rainfall totaled over 6 inches mostly during the first three weeks with some late third cutting hay made during the last week. Some farmers were about ready to mow the fourth cutting alfalfa during the second week, but were kept out of the fields by rain. On Sunday night, the 16, we got from 4 to 8 inches of wet snow in the valley and more on the mountains, flattening hay fields, tearing electric and telephone lines, and breaking down tree limbs, which were in the prime of autumn beauty. On the mountains especially, many branches were down, closing mountain roads and even stranding motorists. Corn picking is in full swing the last week with high yields except where it came up poorly in the spring due to dry weather.

Snyder Co., by Sam M. Troyer

October seems to have been quite normal. We had around 3 inches of rain and the temperature was as low as 28 degrees and cooler in the lower places. We live on a hill so that in a still night we have warmer than the lower elevations. We still have peppers to eat out of the garden, but the tomatoes are frozen. We are shredding corn, which is a pretty good crop. We've had a lot of apples so the cider press is quite busy.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania, by David Y. Renno

The weather here was mostly cool and very wet. We had around 6 inches of rain in all, but only light frosts after the middle of the month. The tractor farmers didn't get much corn picked this month as the fields were too soft. We Amish farmers were finished till the month ended. We've had nice typical October weather the last week, and the leaves were more colorful than they sometimes are. It doesn't look like there will be any weddings in this community for this season.

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania, by Catherine M. Swarey

October was a nice fall month. We had some real nice showers. A total of 4.3 inches of rainfall total, the lowest temperature was 34 degrees. We had some real nice October days, with clear, blue skies. We had light frosts the last few mornings, but no hard killing frost. There was snow in some places over the weekend of the 16, especially on the mountains and lasted a few days on the tops. The corn is still not quite all husked. Apples are picked and were a good crop.

Perry Co., Pennsylvania, by Elmer F. Fisher

For the month of October we had a nice amount of rain, being a little wet at times for the late silo fillers. We had a few light frosts during the month and the last week, a killing frost of 28 degrees. We also had quite a bit of corn to be picked, which is an abundant crop, with prices down on new corn.

Path Valley, Pennsylvania, by Daniel Beiler

We have had about average weather the last few months, except a little on the wet side. Silo filling was finished up this month. Corn picking is well under way when weather permits. The corn is a good crop, but hay is scarce. We had several frosts this month, but no real hard ones yet. The low temperature was 31 degrees. The ground was covered with snow one morning, but it didn't last long.

Adams Co., Pennsylvania, by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

There were 11 days in October when measurable rain fell and the showers totalted 4.5 inches. October weather this year turned out to be much nearer normal than last year, when we had over 13 inches of rain and hardly any of the bright blue October weather. It seemed like we had many cloudy and damp days this year, but we also had of those warm sunny days, with bright blue skies. The leaves on the trees were extra beautiful too.

The temperature range for the month was 78 on the 1, to a low of 30 on the last day of the month. The second day we had freezing temperatures and several more light frosts. The average daily temperature was 51 degrees. On the 16 it turned cold and rainy and then it was cold and stormy on the 17. The wheat and barley stood a good chance to come up and grow, the grain fields look good this year. Farmers are picking corn when weather permits.

Somerset Co., Pennsylvania, by Abe S. Kinsinger

October had a lot of cloudy damp days, but not real cold. We had a little snow and wind on the 17, but it soon warmed up again. A lot of corn is being husked. There seems to be a lot of building going on yet and people are wishing for some more nice weather.

Mercer Co., Pennsylvania, by Dan J. Troyer

The first half of October was mostly cloudy and wet. We had 2 inches of rain, then it started clearing and the last week was very nice to get fall work done. Quite a few are finished picking corn, which is a very good crop. Corn is selling for around $50 a ton.

Crawford Co., Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Fisher

The beginning of October was rainy and wet at times, but the men were able to finish filling the silo before the corn was ready to crib. On the 14 we had our first frost. The total rainfall for the month was approx. 3 inches. The last two weeks we had exceptionally nice warm, Indian summer like weather with clear blue skies and fluffy white clouds. On the 26 the thermometer showed 80 degrees in the shade.

Most of the corn is in the cribs, and was a very good crop, the best we had in the 6 summers we live here. The trees are almost bare.

Norfolk, New York, by Jerry Schwartz

The first half of October it was very rainy, and during the last half it cleared off. We had nearly two weeks of very nice fall weather. The fields are drying off and farmers are very busy filling silo. Lots of ear corn is being husked this fall, and the first killing frost came on the 7. Six month old draft horse colts are selling very high locally.

Geauga Co., Ohio, by Mrs. Eli Wengerd

The first 2 weeks we had quite a bit of rain, which turned the leaves fast. Most of the trees are bare now. We had a few light frosts, but no damage done yet. We had our first snow flurries on the 9th. The last 2 weeks were beautiful fall days, and a lot of outside work could be done. Some are husking corn while others are still trying to get done before it gets too cold. A lot of firewood is being made.

Holmes Co., Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

Corn husking is in full swing. Some people have finished with their stalks. The corn was a very good crop. A lot of building is being done. The leaves were beautiful this year and there are a lot to rake, although they are not all down yet. The weather was on the moist side with about 5.5 inches, and our first killing frost was on the 15.

Eastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

Another October is past and we had 5 inches of rain. The most of it coming in the forepart of the month. We had nice bright blue weather, some frosty mornings, but the grass is still nice and green. Corn husking is in full swing, some people are finished. Very few shocks are husked yet with machines. Hog prices are a little up and down. There is not much change in pig prices.

Holmes Co., [Barra Mills], by Jonas N. Borntrager

Our bottom fields were flooded on the first. Fields were too wet to sow wheat, but wheat sowing was finished around the middle of the month. We had a lot of Octobers bright blue weather, but no killing frost yet, though some things are nipped a little over the top.

Work among the farmers is husking corn, which is a very good crop, and good quality. Wheat fields are greening up. and there is a lot of fall pasture. Hog prices are working up a bit. Friday was the colt sale at Dover, Ohio. Good horses brought good prices.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

October was wet with a lot of cloudy days. We also had a lot of cold days, cold enough to start fires in the stoves. The corn is being harvested and most of the beans are in. The wheat is back over $2 at $2.04, corn $1.56, oats $1.30, beans $4.57.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

The month was rather warm and dry, with not much precipitation. Beans and corn are being harvested, which are excellent crops this year. The prices are down considerably from last year, and with the mounting expenses we wonder how long the small farmer can hold out.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

The first half of October was rainy, and the last part was real nice weather. It was quite cold a few mornings around the middle of the month, with a low of 15 degrees one morning.

Farmers have most of the fall plowing done. Corn picking has started. I noticed one field in shocks. This is a busy season for farmers. There seems to be a lot of carpentery and masonry work around. Some from here attended the annual Steering Committee meeting in Geauga co., Ohio, on the 26.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

We had 23 nice sunshiny days in October with four days of light rain. We had our first killing frost on the 11. Fall pastures have been good.

The corn is yielding extra good this year. Quite a number of corn storage bins and corn cribs are going up in this area to store the extra corn and hold it for higher prices.

Branch Co., Michigan, by Noah N. Schwartz

October has been a beautiful fall month. Most of the leaves have fallen. We have not had as much rain as in September. The last two weeks we have had foggy mornings with warm clear afternoons. Much corn is being harvested these nice days. Snow flurries were seen on the 15.

Allen Co., Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

We had some very nice fall weather with quite a few days with 60 degree weather, also a few mornings with 20 degrees. We had our first frost on the 13, although it didn't hurt the everbearing strawberries, which were very nice. The corn crop is good.

LaGrange, Indiana, by Anna S. Eash

October was nice weatherwise. We have had plenty of moisture and so some wheat sowing was delayed, some was sowed on the 20, where fields were again tillable. Lawns and pastures are green. Silos are filled and men are real busy filling the corn cribs with lots of nice extra big ears, for which we are grateful. Pumpkins and squash were unusually big and plentiful.

Presently we are having warm weather with cool nights and just right to get crops in. It is also ideal weather for the numerous weddings. We have had several frosts.

Elkhart Co., Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

The first week was damp and cold. The fourth we had scattered frost, the 11 it was very windy and cold, the 13 and 14 we had very hard frosts. The next 2 weeks we had a lot of foggy mornings, cool nights and the 27 and 28 it was nice and sunny. A lot of gardens are cleared off, yards raked, and corn husked. On the 31 we had rain in the evening.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

Although we had less then two inches of rain, October was a damp-cool month with quite a bit of cloudy weather. We had six nice sunny days. The highest temperature for the month was 71 on the 24, and the lowest was 27 on the 17. Our first killing frost came on the 13, we then had two more hard frosts on the 14 and 15. All crops were well matured before the frosts came, and there is not as much wheat sowed as there was last year. The corn is probably also yielding above average, the later planted potatoes yielded very good, and pastures held up good this fall.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A Diener

The weather has been rather damp and cool. We had close to 3 inches of rain the last two weeks, and a killing frost on the 13. The leaves on hard Maple trees have a nice color and aredroppingfast. A lot of farmers are finished picking corn, which is not as good a yield as last year, although still good. Many acres have been plowed for next years crop, and some beans have been harvested because of damp and foggy weather.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachy

We had a lot of nice fall weather in October. We had frost several times the week of the 9th, but the tempersture wasn't under 30 degrees. The corn that was picked late was down and tangled quite a bit. Late beans are being harvested now, with average yields, around 30 bushels per acre. The men are fall plowing and sowing wheat.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

October has been a fair month which made it easy to get the fall work done, like sowing wheat and oats, pastures are greening up nicely. Haying, shredding corn and stripping tobacco are being done, also finishing up with molassas cooking. We had several frosts, but no real heavy, killing frost. The lowest temperature was 32 degrees and thehighest70. rainfall was 4.75 inches. Cattle or feeder steers are from $36 - over $38 cwt.; veal calves .30 - .35; old cows .18 to .25; bulls .24 - .27; hogs .36 - over .39; sows .30 to .35; feeder pigs were slightly better at last sale, from 60 lb. pigs .56 - .70; 30 to 40 lb. pigs $83 - $84.25.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

We had three inches of rain the first part of October, then some nice sunshine days, so that farmers could husk corn. After the 21st we had 5 more inches of rain, which left the fields too soft to husk corn or to harvest soybeans.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

October was wet and cool. We had very few sunny days. I have no record or the total rainfall, but estimate it to be betwee 6 and 8 inches. The showers came so regularly that silo filling was a hard task. One farmer gave up silo filling, another is thinking of it. I noticed in my August report that the corn sould be ready for the silo. Some of that corn is still in the fields. We have ours only half full. Of course we helped others fill and cooked a lot of cane molasses, which turns out good this year, and is selling for 60 cents per lb. Our killing frost came the 13. The modern farmer has done very little harvesting. Beans are yielding as high as 40 bu. per acre, which is very good for here.

Webster Co., Marshfield, Missouri, by Ruben Yoder

October in general had typical clear blue skies. The first half was cool and frosty. The last half was warmer with temperature in the 70's several days. Although we had several light frosts we are still enjoying fresh tomatoes from the garden. We had about 3 inches of rain this month.

Johnson Co., [Windsor] Missouri, by Mrs. Monroe Hershberger

October was a wet month with 7 inches of rain, and another thundershower and 1.5 inches for the first of November already. Our pond was running over all day yesterday. We had 2 hard frosts in the middle of the month. Some of us have been gathering real large walnuts this fall, while other trees had none at all. Many hickory nuts were wormy and of no value. Some fourth cutting hay was made.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

Another month has gone, we had nice weather on the average, with lots of rain. It seldom does any damage through here. except when hay and grain is to be harvested. But the city of Springfield lays in a hollow swale and floods easily. A woman was washed under and drowned this past month.

The walnuts are $5 per hundred, one family sold 2 wagon loads, which made $163. The main work for now is cutting wood, hauling manure, and some fall plowing.

There were still some making hay the last few weeks, grass is also plentiful.

Reno County [Partridge] Kansas by Edward A. Mast

We had a lot of clear fall-like days during October. On the 6th we had a hard 2 inch rain so that most of the wheat sowed the 2 days before had to be replanted. Most of the wheat is up and looking real nice. A few have started to pasture.

Most silos are filled with perhaps a record amount of feed. Quite a few prople had as much feed on a pile than in the silo. Milo looks good but mostly too wet to cut. We had a few light frosts that fixed the garden things, but only the top leaves of the milo turned brown.

Reno Co., [Haven] Kansas, by Mrs. E. E. Schrock

October was a nice month, lots of silos were filled with an abundance of feed. This year we surely enjoyed Octobers bright, blue skies. Wheat fields are greening up for next years harvest. God is continually blessing His people.

Johnson Co., Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

Here as in many other areas, we have just enough rain to delay corn picking. We've had about 3.6 inches of rain in October, 7 inches in September, and 11 inches in August. Although there is lots of corn out already and is a fair to good crop. Beans making from 33 to 60 bu. an acre.

Buchanan Co., Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

We had around 3 inches of rain for the month of October. We had several hard frosts on the 16 and the 23. Most beans are harvested and maybe half of the corn crop. Machinery farmers are having trouble with soft spots in the fields.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger

The weather for October was mostly mild with quite a bit of rain. We had a few frosts, corn is a good crop and silos are filled. The trees have their fall colors.

Amherst, Wisconsin, BY Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

Our October weather was rather damp and cloudy with some rains. We had our first frost the forepart of the month and first killing frost on the 16. We had some nice sunny days, but not like some years.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

October was changeable. The first part was rainy and damp, then it turned colder with snow flurries. The latter part was warmer with sunny days, also a few rains and some fog.

Most of the farmers are finished picking corn, but a lot of shredding is yet to do. The corn crop was very good.

Evansville, Wisconsin, by John R. Yutzy

October had quite a few cloudy and rainy days again. We had 11 inches of rainfall in September and 4.3 in October. We had a stretch of nice weather in the middle of the month, which gave farmers a chance to harvest soybeans and also their corn. Some farmers made fourth cutting hay this year. The lcoal paper stated that corn is averaging between 110 - 120 bu. to the acre. Probably half of soybeans are harvested and 2/3 of the corn is out. Some plowing has also been done. Milk is $9.38 for grade A and also some B. milk is this price. Both prices are for 3.5 test. This was a good year for crops as a whole. Lots of hay is in the barns.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

We had quite a few foggy and damp days in the first half of October. The last half was more dry with a lot of nice weather. We had a couple frosts but still not everything is frozen on the ridges. Quite a lot of corn is picked already. Some are harvesting fourth cutting hay, although mostly third cutting. Corn and hay are a lot cheaper than a year ago, as it was a good year.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

We went all the way through September without frost. There were many cloudy and rainy days. Poor drying weather for second cutting hay. Silo filling was delayed on account of soft fields. It was a good year for tomatoes and potatoes.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger

September was mostly wet, with very little haying weather. The temperatures were in the 70's during the day, with cool nights, but no frosts. The corn is nearly ready to pick and is a good crop. Reports are that you can buy corn away from the picker at $35 per ton.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock Sr.

We had a lot of nice weather in October with a light frost on the first. The 2nd it was down to 22 degrees. The 5th and 6th were nice days, but on the 7 it started raining and turned to snow. It was a real slush, but by the next day the snow was all gone. This was the first snow this fall. The 30th it rained most of the day and was still raining late that evening. We had a lot of nice sunshiny days, also a few windy days. Yesterday was a real nice day.

The corn is mostly all picked, yields were good, and the corn dried early this year. Cattle prices are higher than a year ago, hogs are selling good; eggs are around .50.

Utica, Minnesota, by Atlee J. Shetler

The first week in October we had frosts three mornings in a row. On the 13 we had a killing frost. The last 2 weeks it warmed up, and we had a few showers, but it was mostly real nice and sunny. On the 24, 25, and 26, we had a heavy fog in the forenoons.

Fall plowing and corn husking is the work among the farmers. Soybeans are nearly all harvested. Bean and corn prices are down.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss H. Stutzman

We had a good frost on the third. We had quite a few damp and rainy days, with a few days of October's bright blue weather. Good corn husking weather, which is a heavy crop.

Tavistock, Ontario, Canada, by Fannie Peachey

The rainy weather of September continued into October until about the middle of the month. THen it cleared off and the weather has been very beautiful since. Everyone is busy getting corn picked, since it has dried off. Corn was a very good crop. Our first killing frost was on the 14, and we have had several cold monings since.

St. Mary's, Ontario, by Abe Hochstetler

We had heavy rains with thunderstorms the first week. The wet conditions slowly tapered off till the latter part the farmers resumed silo filling and harvesting a heavy corn crop. Pasture and hay are a heavy growth. Corn is $67 per metric ton. A big portion of the white bean crop was lost because of the wet weather.

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

Corn picking and plowing are in full swing. Corn prices are very low here, approx. $1.58 per bu. We are having quite a bit of dryer weather this month.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

September was very wet, making it very difficult to get silos filled. Silo filling was not finished until the 21. The first part of the month was also wet but the weather finally cleared on the 16, and we had two weeks of ideal harvesting weather. Our first frost was on the 5, with a killing frost on the 14. The corn is a good crop and well dented, with most of it husked. Quite a lot of picking has been done.

Grey County, Ontario, by Jacob C. Hershberger

The first part of September was wet with some rain. The first killing frost was on the 14. The fields are drying off, and silo filling is finished. Farmers are busy husking corn and plowing and cutting wood. The corn is a good crop.

Ein Almosen Buch

Hiemit wolllen wir ein neugefunden almosen buch einfuhren, doch ist es erst in der September Diary ersheinen Am Blatt 207. Dieses buch was wahrsheimlich geschrieben und erhalten vom Abraham Kurt, ein einwohner in Earl twp. Lancaster County, Pa. und ist weiter erhalten werden durch Bishop Johannes Stoltzfus, (der erst) und Durch sein linein bis zum Menno Stoltzfus, Armendiener. Jesz ist es erhalten bei Jacob Zug.

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Deises Buch ist ein Alter und des einzich dokument das noch zu finden ist von der alt West Conastoga = Pequea Gemein.

Ein Abschrift wird jetz folgen in unserm Blatte, mit dem September Ausgabe einlolossen.

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Mai den 1sten hab ich vom Almosen vor ein gart wein bezahlt = 3 shilling, 6 bentz.

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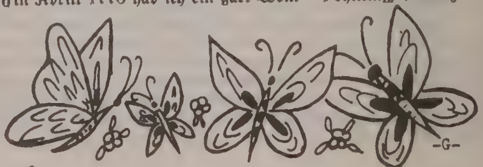

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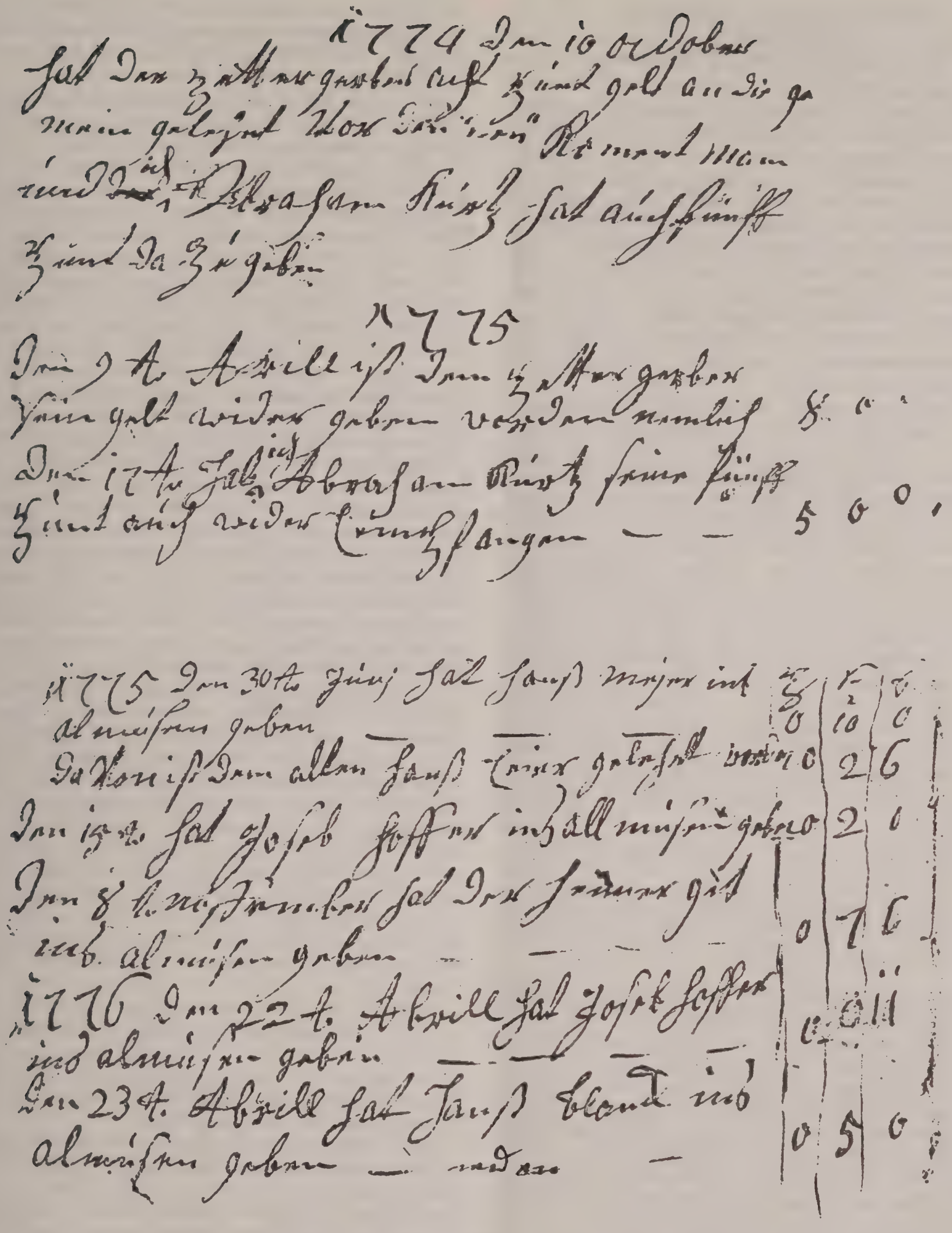

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1775

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Den 8 te Novemmber hat Den Frauner gilt ins almeisen geben — — —	0	7	6
1776 Den 22 te Abrill hat Josek hoffer ins almeisen geben — — —	0	0	11
Den 23 te Abrill hat Hanss blank ins almeisen geben — werden —	0	5	0

1774

Den 2 May Hat Hansz Blank ins Almosen geben = 5 shilling.
Den 12 Junis hat Hannes Holly in Almosen geben = 5 shilling
Den 30 Weinmonet hat Joseph Hoster (hostetler) ins Almosen geben = 1 Shiiling, 10 Bentz.
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TO RECALL A FEW MEMORIES OF THE PAST

The Samuel Konig or King Families

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(134) Katie Beiler (126) married to Emanuel Troyer son of Emanuel S. and Sarah (Miller) Troyer, she was born in Douglas County, Illinois, and later with her parents moved to Dodge City, Kansas. After their marriage they lived at Portsmouth, Virginia (135) Delilah Beiler (126) married to Samuel A. Nisley son of Abraham A. Nisley, they lived in Hutchinson, Kansas, where Delilah was a Budget scribe from Hutchinson. (136) Mary Beiler (126) born in 1897, died in 1920, married to Phineas M. Bontrager, son of Moses C. and Anna Bontrager of Partridge, Kansas. Phineas married his second wife, Anna Nissley and was ordained minister in 1927, they at one time were living at Hohenwald, Tennessee, and now at Bowling Green Missouri.

Before bringing the David K. Beiler family of Hutchinson, Kansas, to a conclusion, we wish to mention one more thing especially for those who are acquainted with the thirty page booklet entitled "Ein Alder Brief" which was given in to be printed by the late Bishop John Hochstetler of Hutchinson and later of Dover, Delaware. It was at the time when David K. Beilers were also living in Kansas that John Hochstetler saw this old letter written by Hans Nafziger von Esingen bei Landau in Oberland im jahr 1781. *An die Hollandische Gemeinde oder Schwitzer Burder auf's ihr Begehren. Wie Ankommling zu lehren und zu taufen, eh zu befestegen, Diener zu Erwahlung und Eltisten zu bestatigen und andern geminlichen gebrauchen.* A copy of this old letter was sent to the early Amish churches in Berks Co., and was handed down from one generation to the next and was in the hands of Samuel Beiler till he died. David K. Beiler then got it and took it with his possesions to Kansas where Bishop John Hostetler put it in print. Most of the local book stores have these copies for sale today.

The second child of Samuel and Catherine (Hertzler) Beiler was (137) Benjamin H. Beiler (125) born 1856, died 1938, married to Catherine B. Zook of Mifflin Co., a daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Beiler) Zook, there were no children born to this union. They lived in the town of Gordonville, Lancaster Co., and he was well known as "Gordonville" Ben Beiler.

The third child of Samuel and Catherine (Hertzler) Beiler was (138) Elizabeth Beiler (125) married to Isaac Stoltzfus born in 1855, in Union County, Pennsylvania, son of Jacob and Anna (King) Stoltzfus, they were the parents of Aaron B. Stoltzfus of Ronks R1, and Ammon Stoltzfus of Bird-In-Hand.

The youngest child of Bishop David and Elizabeth (Fisher) Beiler was (139) Benjamin Beiler (92) born 1830, died 1910, married to Mary Esh, born 1835, in Mifflin County, daughter of Shem and Mattie (Riehl) Esh, later of Union County, Pennsylvania. Benjamin and wife, Mary, lived on the farm one fourth mile south of Bird-In-Hand, what was in our time known as the David E. Beiler farm now occupied by Amos M. Beiler. They were the parents of eight children of which five of the girls died single. (140) Mattie Beiler (139) the oldest was married to John P. Fisher of Soudersburg and were the grandparents of Sara E. Fisher of "The Diary" staff. (141) Salome Beiler (139) born 1865 was married to Stephen U. Stoltzfus. They had six children, Mary a daughter was the wife of the late Bishop David B. Zook of Groffdale, and Malinda the wife of the late Bishop D. Ira Stoltzfus. (142) David E. Beiler (139) being the only son got the home farm and later his son David Jr. who was better known as "Tommy" Beiler, who had been a cripple the last years of his life due to a fractured vertebrae, also Samuel and Levi Beiler of the Lower Pequea Districts are sons of David E. Beiler.

Next on the list of children of Christian and Anna (King) Beiler is (143) Jonathan Beiler(24) born September 27, 1791, married to Anna Lapp, born August 14, 1789, died October 28, 1889, daughter of John and Mary (Reickenbach) Lapp. It is not known for sure but Jonathan and Anna may have been married while living in the Conestoga Valley as the John Lapp family did not move out of the Conestoga Valley till 1810. They later moved to Mifflin Co., where they raised most of their family. To them were born eight children of which a few died young or sigle. The oldest one being (144) Rebecca Beiler (143) born January 22, 1813, died 1884, married to David Zook of Mifflin Co., born September 29, 1809, and was known by some as "Major Dave" son of Abraham and Barbara (Yoder) Zook, to them were born thirteen children of which the writer is not too well acquainted with. The oldest was (145) Barbara Zook (144) born 1832, married to Solomon King, her second husband was Dr. Jacob Metz of Allensville. (146) Anna Zook (144) born 1834, married to John Y. King, son of Yost and Elizabeth (Yoder) King, Her second marriage was to Samuel Lantz. (147) Jonathan B. Zook (144) born 1836, married to Sarah King also a daughter of Yost King. (148) Elizabeth Zook (144) born 1837, married to Jonathan Miller, born 1833, son of Daniel and Barbara (Hochstetler) Miller of Middlebury, Indiana. To them were born two sons named Samuel Miller of LaGrange, married to Ida Bickle and Levi Miller of Goshen who married Catherine Garber. (149) Abraham Zook (144) born 1839, married Fannie Plank. (150) Eli Zook (144) born 1841, married to Emma Heney. (151) Lydia Zook (144) born 1842, married to Isaac King. (152) David Zook (144) born 1844, married to Malinda Plank. (153) Solomon Zook (144) born 1846, married to Nancy Kauffman. (154) Samuel Zook (144) born 1847, married to Sarah Allgyer (155) Jacob Zook (144) born 1849, married to Nancy Yoder. (156) Moses Zook (144) born 1851, married to Barbara Yoder, son of Christian G. and Salome (Zook) Yoder of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. (157) Levi Zook (144) born 1854, married to Malinda Hartzler of Allensville, Pennsylvania. They had one son Urie Zook and a grandson, Ellrose D. Zook, who was long the editor of "The Words of Cheer" at Scottdale.

It seems that most of the Jonathan Beiler family joined in the western movement with a good many of the Mifflin County people in the years from 1830 to 1850, when they moved to Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, Wayne County, Logan, and Fairfield County, Ohio, and some later to Cass County, Missouri, and McLean County, Illinois.

The youngest son of Christian and Anna King Beiler was (158) Solomon Beiler (24) born July 18, 1798, in Lebanon County, died May 3, 1888, in Mifflin County, married to Sarah Hertzler, daughter of David and Mary (Yoder) Hertzler. Solomon was ordained minister and bishop in Mifflin County, sometime before 1840 for in the years around 1848, Solomon Beiler was already bishop of the Middle District in Mifflin County, and Bishop Abraham Peachey had oversight of the Upper District and Bishop (Long) Christian Zook of the Lower District. It was around 1848 or 1849 when Bishop (Long) Christel Zook withdrew from the other two districts for reasons unknown now over Preacher Samuel King. And by the years of 1850 to 1860, there arose some question in a few of the western states, especially in McLean Co., Illinois, and came east to Wayne Co., Ohio, about converts being baptized in streams. It seems that quite a few families had moved from Mifflin to McLean Co., Illinois, where they were under the jurisdiction of Bishop Jonathan Yoder. He had moved from Mifflin Co. to Half Moon Valley, and from there to Juniata Co, and in the 1840's to McLean Co., Illinois. Solomon Beiler supported this mode of baptism which caused a split in the Amish churches of Mifflin Co. So in the year of 1866, this group built their first meeting house called Maple Grove, which is today called Maple Grove Mennonite Church. Solomon Beiler was the first Bishop. To Solomon and his wife, Sarah, were born six children. (159) Anna Beiler (158) married to an Eli Yoder and moved to Jasper Co., Missouri, they had two children who are both believed to have died young. (160) Mary Beiler (158) born 1824, married to John M. Smucker, son of John and Mary Smucker, they lived in Belleville and had seven children, (161) David H. Smucker (160) married to Barbara G. Beiler of Union Co. They lived for a while in Union Co. and later in Mifflin Co. (162) Nancy Smucker (160) married to Joseph Stoltzfus born in Union, son of Simeon and Mattie (Hertzler) Stoltzfus. Joseph died in Hartford, Kansas, as a young man leaving five children. The oldest daughter, Mary Stoltzfus, was born in 1882, died January 25, 1910, married to John G. Kauffman, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Kauffman) Kauffman. They had five children of which the two youngest were twins born January 10, 1910, at Haven, Kansas, named Alpha Jerry and Alvin. They were only two weeks old when their mother died. Alvin was then adopted by Bishop John Hochstetlers who were living in Ford Co., Kansas, and in 1928 moved to Dover, Delaware, taking John along where he grew to manhood and married to Annie Zook, daughter of Christian Zook of Grantsville, Maryland. They also lived for a while in Grantsville, but are now living in Marshfield, Missouri in the Bishop Peter Yoder District. (163) Salina Smucker (160) born 1864 married first to Levi H. Zook, second to John L. Mast who was minister and bishop of the Conservative Mennonite Church at Belleville. The third child of Bishop Solomon Beiler was (164) Elizabeth Beiler (158) born 1830, married to Samuel Yoder, born 1824, son of Jacob and Nancy (Kauffman) Yoder. Samuel Yoder was minister and bishop of the Mennonite Church of Belleville after the death of his father-in-law, Solomon Beiler. One of their daughters (165) Sarah Yoder (164) born 1855, married to David Hostetler. Their daughter Emma Hostetler married to John E. Bontrager born at Shipshewana, Indiana, son of the late Bishop Eli J. Bontrager.

The fourth child of Solomon Beiler was (166) David Beiler (158) born 1833 married to Salome Hertzler. They had two children, Solomon Byler, married to Nellie Zook, no children, and Abia Byler married to Lydia Ann Zook, and secondly to Fannie Mae Zook, some of these children moved to Bay Port and Pigeon, Michigan.

The youngest child of Solomon Beiler was (167) Sarah Beiler (158) born 1843, married to Moses P. Yoder, born 1839, at Spruce Hill, Juniata Co., son of John and Fannie (Kauffman) Yoder. Their children are (168) Amos E. Yoder (167) married to Lydia Yoder and moved to Wayne Co., Ohio. (169) Sarah M. Yoder (167) married to Thomas E. Zook. He was proprietor of the Hertzler and Zook farm, Machinery Co. at Belleville. (170) Reuben Yoder (167) married Mary Mae Zook. He was a coal and lumber dealer in Belleville.

Next on the list of children of Samuel and Anna (Yoder) King was (171) Johannes or John King (1) born between 1755 and 1760 in Berks County, married to Catherine Blank, daughter of "Cocalico Twp." John Blank. It appears they started house keeping in the vicinity of Reading in Berks County. His wife Catherine died before 1810, and after 1791 sometime, it is not clear if she died in Berks County or Lancaster County, but he bought land in Lancaster County in the beginning of 1800 where Jacob Swarey now lives along the north side of Route 30 and south of Ronks. It is believed that she may have died in Berks County. Johannes King's second wife was Nancy (Renno) widow of Henry Hostetler, she being a daughter of Jospeh Renno of Upper Bern Twp, Berks County. Henry Hochstetler died in 1808, at Mifflintown and his will was filed for probate in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Nancy (Renno) hostetler had seven children when her first husband died in 1808. The oldest was then 17 years old. It appears that Nancy may have been quite a bit younger than her second husband Johannes King. There are records in possession of Mrs. Noah Hostetler of Mifflin County, stating that Johannes King was a bishop and Deacon in the Amish church and made several trips to Canada to assist and establish the first Amish church there. To Johannes King and his first wife were born five children who grew to adulthood and were married and apparently several died young. The children were as follows:

1. John King, born 1779, in Berks County, died 1833 in Lancaster County.
2. Anna King, married first to John Schmucker and secondly to "Der Gross' Dan Yoder, Mifflin County.
3. Abraham King born 1786, married to Mattie Nissley.
4. Christian King, born 1791, married to Veronia Hertzler.
5. Catherine King, born of the second marriage in 1810, married to George Beiler.

From this King family descend about all the Amish and Mennonite families with the name King in Lancaster County, which run into thousands of descendants.

(172) John King Jr. (171) born 1779, in Berks County, died 1833, married to Barbara Fisher, the oldest daughter of Christian and Barbara (Yoder) Fisher. They got the home farm where Jacob Swarey now lives along Route 30 in East Lampeter Twp. To them were born eight children, two of which died young. They are (173) Christian King (172) born 1802, died 1865, married to Catherine Stoltzfus, daughter of Bishop Christian Stoltzfus. Christian King was ordained minister in the Upper Pequea District in 1836, and Bishop in 1856. To them were born eleven children of which several died young. The oldest (174) Barbara King (173) born 1824, married Simon Zook born in Mifflin County in 1819, son of David and Barbara (King) Zook. Records show that they lived for a while in Mifflin County, and later in Lancaster, the oldest child (175) Joel Zook born 1847, in Mifflin County, married first to Rebecca Beiler, born 1846, in Union County, and secondly to Franny Dienner. He was ordained minister in 1878. Their sons David Zook age 92 years, and Isaac Zook aged 90 are in Lancaster County. (176) Susanna King (173) born 1826, married Christian Petersheim, son of John and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Petersheim. They had moved with some other Amish families to Midland, Virginia, sometime in the 1890's, and when they moved back to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Christian Petersheim became a member of the Millwood Amish Mennonite church, but his wife remained with the Amish church. (177) John King (173) born 1832, married to Leah Lapp, daughter of Jonathan and Susan Lapp, they were the parents of the late Deacon John L. King of the Millcreek District and grandparents of Eli S. King, the Budget scribe, great-grandparents of Bishop Jonathan King

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REBELLIOUS WIVES
AND SLACKER HUSBANDS

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Should a wife obey her husband? Should she be in subjection to him? Should she submit to him as if he were God, as a Christian should be toward Christ? Should a husband have authority over his wife as a master does over a servant? Should women even reverence their husbands as good women sometimes have done, obeying them and calling them lord?

The Bible does command a woman to do all of this, as we will show from many Scriptures! But modern woman says "No!" The modern feminist movement has insisted on woman's equality with man in every respect. Women have invaded fields of endeavor once given over entirely to men. I do not especially oppose woman suffrage, nor especially favor it, and I do not believe it materially changes the outcome of elections. But it is a significant fact that women, aided by preachers and reformers, have sought and secured the right to vote and hold office. Many religious denominations now have women preachers on the same basis as men. In almost every church, the church work—from singing in the choir to financing the church and doing the Bible teaching—is done principally by women. Men sit passively in an occasional service, help pay the bills, and are politely indifferent as to whether the world goes to Hell or not!

Women Seek Equality With Husbands

In marriage the same spirit has come to prevail. Women expect a marriage in which they have as much say on nearly any question to be decided as their husbands, and when it comes to the rearing of the children, household problems, discipline, or expenses, they expect to have the deciding voice. The average modern woman would answer the questions at the beginning of this article with an emphatic "NO!" She would be seconded by the mass of educators, politicians, and preachers.

Even the devout church woman these days does not know that the Bible explicitly commands her to obey her husband, and she does not even pretend to do it. On this subject preachers have either remained silent, or have made it a theme of silly jesting from the pulpit, while they either do not believe in or are afraid to preach the unmistakable command of God's Word concerning it. Preachers have usually by choice omitted the word "obey" from the marriage ceremony, with the general approval of women, men usually remaining silent.

Since the authority of husband and father in the home has been taken away, the sense of responsibility which men had in other days toward the care of their families has repidly decreased. If a woman does not expect to obey her husband, it is also true that her husband does not expect to support his wife. There are more cases of wife and child disertion than ever before. In modern homes men do not take authority over their wives nor do women submit themselves to their husbands. In modern homes, men, not being the head of the home, do not feel responsible to protect and provide for their families.

Failure of Modern Homes and Marriages

The modern world has boasted of its wisdom in forsaking the old standards of marriage and the home, yet the modern marriage has failed. In the United States in 1947 there were 610,000 divorces. In 1952 there were 338,000. On an average, there is one divorce for every three or four marriages. Over one hundred thousand children every year are orphaned by divorce. Certainly these homes have failed! Thousands of other homes produce boys and girls who are turned into the world without any discipline, any moral or religious training that would make them even good citizens, much less devout and happy Christians. From these unsuccessful homes, whether broken by divorce or not, come the youthful derelicts who crowd our juvenile and teen-age criminals. Besides these, year after year modern homes pour into society a host of young people who are undisciplind, unruly, immoral, irreligious rebels against law and convention. The marriage and home patterned after the modern standard has failed.

Why Marriages Fail

The Bible has definite and detailed instructions concerning marriage and the relationships of husband and wife. God made man and then made woman to be a helpmeet for man. He performed the first marriage ceremony. He placed man as the head of the home then, and since that time no home has ever been successful and happy which has violated God's plain command. The failure of modern marriage is caused by failure to follow God's plan for the home. Where a man disobeys God's plain command about his duty as head of the home, and where a woman refuses to obey her husband as God commanded and usurps authority which God forbade her, sin reigns in that home and sin always brings heartache and trouble.

I. Man to Be Head of Wife

When God created the world He put Adam in charge of it before woman was created. Eve was created not as an equal partner, but as a helpmeet, an assistant, under Adam's control. In Gensis (2:18) we read, And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

In I Peter 3:7 the Holy Spirit calls the wife "the weaker vessel though she is heir with man of the "grace of life." It was Eve who was deceived by the Devil who took advantage of her weaker nature. The first sin for which God rebuked Adam in Genesis 3:17 was "because thou has harkened unto the voice of thy wife." Concerning this very matter, Paul was inspired to write Timothy in I Timothy 2:11-14: "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

God's plan is that the husband should be the head of the wife. He even likens that to the authority of Christ over the church. Ephesians 5:23 says, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body." There could be no more positive nor emphatic statement that the husband is the head of the wife, the head of the home.

The above scripture illustrates the position of the husband as head of the wife by the position of Christ as head of the church. The husband is head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. Also the man is over the wife as Christ is over the man and as God is the head of Christ, for I Corinthians 11:3 says, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

For this reason, the Scripture continues, the woman ought to wear long hair as a covering for her head, symbolizing that she is subject to her husband. Verse 15 then says that "if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her," while man should not have long hair since there is no one between him and Christ. Verse 7 says, "A man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man." Woman is the glory of the man, and verse 9 says that the woman was created for man. This is God's plan and it is good, good for the happiness and welfare of both men and women.

In the very nature of man and woman, God has written the fact that men should be the head of the home and wives secondary to them in authority and subject to them. God fitted man, body, mind, and heart to have the chief authority and responsibility. He fitted woman, "the weaker vessel," to take a place as helpmeet. To change this order violates the laws of nature as well as the command of God. That is why modern homes are usually unhappy and cannot have the favor of God.

II. Man's Responsibility to God

The responsibility that goes with man's position in the home is appalling. It is enough to scare any man when he realizes what God expects of him. In every home which is not a Bible kind of home the husband should be blamed first of all. He is accountable before God! If the home is not a success, the husband and father is primarily and first of all responsible.

After the fall in the Garden of Eden, God made man responsible for the providing of food for his family. It was to Adam, not to Eve, that God said in Genesis 3:17-19: "...Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

The husband is even called "the saviour of the body" of his wife in Ephesians 5:23. The wife and children should be all the help they can in earning daily bread and in the duties and labor of the home, as was the good woman of Proverbs 31:10-31. Yet God expects man to take on his broad shoulders the principal care of providing for his own. From I Timothy 5:4, 8 we see that applies even to the widows of his family.

Man Should Lead in Religious Matters

It is clear from one end of the Bible to the other that the husband should be the high priest of the home. When God came to the Garden of Eden in the cool of the day after man's sin, He called, 'Adam, Adam, where art thou?' The Lord properly held man accountable, though the woman took the lead in the sin. In Numbers, chapter 30, the Lord clearly teaches that even a woman's duty to God is controlled by her father or her husband. The father, or husband if she is married, has a right to set aside or to establish any vow of a woman to God. Then her husband, not the wife, is accountable for any sin in the matter. Numbers 30:13-15 says: "Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them. But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard them; then he shall bear her iniquity."

In I Peter 3:1 the Lord commands a wife to submit even to her unsaved husband, and in Ephesians 5:22, 24 wives are commanded to submit and to be subject to their own husbands "as unto the Lord" and "in every thing." Certainly that would include many religious matters. First Corinthians 14:34, 35 plainly says that women even in the churches are commanded to be under obedience to their husbands and to ask their husbands about religious matters at home. Hear whar God says: "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." God has plainly commanded men to lead in matters of religion.

Joshua Chose the Religion for His Whole Household

We have a remarkable example of a godly man in the case of Joshua. You will be thrilled to read again his last charge to the men and officers of Israel as recorded in Joshua, chapter 24. Notice that his address was expecially to the heads of families and officers, according to the first verse, "And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God." To these Joshua gave a great address showing how God had brought them from Egypt, through the wilderness wanderings and into the land of Canaan, with a mighty hand and great blessings, and he urged them to serve the Lord. In verse 15 he came to the great climax of his address, as follows: "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE THE LORD"!

Joshua spoke for himself, "I will serve the Lord!"
For his wife he said, "She will serve the Lord!"
For his children he said, "They will serve the Lord!"
For his servants he said, "They will serve the Lord!"

If there were grandchildren living under his roof, he said, "They will serve the Lord!" Joshua said in effect: "You heads of families choose for yourself and your families, and I will choose for all of mine. I will serve the Lord, and I will see that my family serves the Lord!"

God give us men like Joshua! Men who will serve God themselves, then will take on their shoulders and on their consciences the responsibility before God and man for the religious teaching and guidance of their families! This is what God requires of the head of a family.

Abraham Commanded His Household Even in Religion

Abraham was a friend of God, a man whom God could trust. When the Lord started to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, He said: "and the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." (*Genesis* 18:17-19).

Abraham commanded his children and his household after him so that they kept the way of the Lord! And for that, God blessed him and told him what was in His heart. God give us heads of families like Abraham!

Eli, an Example of a Slacker Father

The sons of Eli, the priest of God, "knew not the Lord" (I Samuel 2:12). They were covetous and adulterers and Eli knew all about it and rebuked them lightly (I Samuel 2:22-25). However, Eli did not put a stop to the iniquity of his sons as a father can and ought to do, and so the Lord pronounced a curse against Eli and his family as follows: "In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not" (I Samuel 3:12, 13).

Whether he wants it so or not, a man is responsible for his family. All the lying excuses will not change the fact that a man can raise his family and so teach them, lead them, and discipline them so they will serve the Lord. In Proverbs 22:6 the Lord says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The Lord did not say that a child properly reared would *come back* to his father's way and a righteous life; the Lord plainly says that *the child will never leave it* even "when he is old" or grown and out from under the father's care! Fathers are responsible for their children, even responsible for the welfare of their eternal souls.

Children should obey and honour both father and mother, but God certainly holds the father first in responsibility as these Scriptures show. This responsibility for teaching and rearing children to serve the Lord is so great that God commanded His people to be earnestly diligent about it. In Deuteronomy 6:6-9 we read: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

A similar passage is found in Deuteronomy 11:18-21.

Fathers to Have Rebellious Sons Stoned Under Moses' Law

So rigid was God's requirement that fathers should rear their children in strict obedience and righteousness that He commanded that rebellious sons should be publicly stoned! The father himself, aided by the mother, was to seize the rebellious son who would not obey, bring him before the elders of the city and have him stoned to death! God commanded in Deuteronomy 21:18-21: "If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastised him, willnot hearken unto them: Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear."

We are not now under the strict penalties of the Mosaic law, but this should illustrate how seriously in ernest and how conscientiously diligent a father must be in the rearing of his children! God holds the father accountable.

God Wants Strong Men, Not Weaklings for Heads of Families

How much God expects of the head of a family! He is to be like a god in his home, verily a high priest and a prophet of God. The blame for the broken homes, the untrained and undisciplined children, the immodestly dressed and fashion-mad wives, and the whole train of evils which curse our American civilization must be placed upon degenerate, weakling men, slackers and shirkers and quitters, men not willing to take the place of manhood and bear the burdens which God lays on men as heads of families. Man, if your home is wrong, you are wrong. If your daughter turns out to be an immoral woman and your son a highjacker, you are to blame in God's sight. If your family does not live within its income, if they do not serve the Lord in sincerity and in truth, the responsibility is yours. If they have missed the blessings of the family altar, prayer in the home, thanks at the table, old-fashioned Bible discipline, God holds you to account. If you have not won your wife and your children to know the Lord as Saviour and to follow Him in daily life, you have failed of your duty. How great is the honor of a husband and father and how heavy are his responsibilities! Any man who is not willing to take the place God assigned to the husband and father is not fit to marry a good woman nor to bring helpless children into this world. If a man reads this who is not truly born again and a successful everyday Christian, then for the sake of your family and for Jesus' sake get right with God today lest you should lead your family to utter ruin away from God! Only God can make a man what he must be to be a good husband and father. Seek His help today and every day, if that position is yours.

God Commands Wives First, Then Husbands

Every time God gives orders to husbands and wives about their treatment of each other in the Bible, He speaks to wives first, then husbands. When He commands fathers and children about their duties to each other, He commands children first, then fathers. He commands servants first, then masters; subjects first, then rulers. God wants no excuses left to a subject who does not want to obey his ruler, a servant who does not want to obey his master, a child who does not want to obey his father, a wife who does not want to obey her husband. When God speaks to people concerning their duties to others, He speaks first to wives, then to husbands. See how this works out in the passage beginning with Ephesians 5:22 and ending with Ephesians 6:9. See the same thing in the passage beginning in Colossians 3:18 and ending with Colossians 4:1, and likewise in I Timothy 6:1,2.

That rule is followed every place in the Bible where duties of wives and husbands to each other are discussed. Read carefully Genesis 3:16, 17, Ephesians 5:22-25, Colossians 3:18, 19, and I Peter 3:1-7. God wants children to obey their parents even if the parents are wicked. Servants should obey their masters even if they are sometimes unkind. Citizens should obey the laws of their country even though they be administered by wicked and corrupt men. Likewise, God expects women to feel their duty to obey their husbands, good or bad, saved or unsaved. Nowhere in the Bible is a wife's duty to her husband conditioned on the kind of character he has or the way he treats her. This divine order in giving commands to men and women could not be an accident, but is evidently meant to leave those who should obey without any excuse for not doing so.

III. Wives Should "Submit to," "Be Subject to," "Be in Subjection to," "Be Obedient to" and Even "Reverence" Their Husbands

If women knew and cared about what God expects their attitude to be toward their husbands, they would be much more careful in accepting a husband, and marriage would last longer and be more happy. God's Word on this question uses stronger language than any man would dare to use of his own choice on the same subject. In fact, God's language is so strong that most preachers in their cowardly submission to modern tendencies simply ignore it and do not preach it, or they explain it away as fit only for other times or only under ideal circumstances. Preachers must answer to God for the way they preach His Word. I will give you plainly what He says about a wife's duty toward her husband. I dare not do otherwise.

Wives, Submit "As Unto the Lord"

Study the Scriptures given carefully and remember that the words are God's words, not mine, nor any man's. Ephesians 5:22-25, 28, 33 is one of the clearest passages on the duty of a wife: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;...so ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself....Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." Wives should submit themselves to their own husbands "as unto the Lord" (vs. 22). A woman should obey her husband as if it were the Lord she were obeying, for in truth it is. That means a cheerful obedience which comes from a loving and an obedient heart. To obey her husband should be a part of a Christian woman's religion. She submits to him "as unto the Lord."

Wives Should "Be Subject...in Every Thing"

Verse 24 quoted above says that "as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands IN EVERY THING." It is true that every man, woman, and child, every servant and every citizen should put God first and obey Him first. But here the Scripture seems to take for granted that there will never be a case where God will call upon a wife to disobey her husband. Women are to be subject to their husbands just as the church is subject to her husband even in church and in religious knowledge, as we learn in I Corinthians 14:34, 35.

Wives sometimes think they please God by spending time in routine church work when their husbands want them to attend to duties at home. I have known numerous cases where wives sought to give money to the Lord's cause without the husband's consent, sometimes stealing the money from his clothes to tithe. They did wrong according to Numbers 30:13-15. If the husband forbids it, he is responsible for the sin, not she. Wives should be subject to their own husbands in everything, says the Word of God. In her body the wife is to be subject to her husband, even as she is to have the freedom of his body (I Corinthians 7:3-5). A wife should be subject to her husband in the way she directs the house, spends the money committed to her, controls the children, in the way she dresses, in the company she keeps—in everything.

A Wife Should "Reverence Her Husband"

Ephesians 5:33 even commands that "the wife see that she reverence her husband." The Bible does not say that men deserve reverence nor are worthy of it, but the Lord does teach that wives should give it. In this connection see I Peter 3:5, 6: "For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement." Subjection of a wife to her husband is not slavish cringing nor a sullen submission to what one cannot avoid. Sarah loved Abraham so, admired him so thoroughly that, queenly woman that she was, she was not ashamed to call him lord. She was in subjection to him with the kind of reverence which God commands Christian wives to have, and Sarah is here held up as a great example to wives who would please the Lord and have happy homes. A study of the Scriptures will reveal the companionship of Abraham and Sarah as about the most ideal and happy in the entire Bible. No other woman ever came between them, they never differed over their children, they were sweethearts until death. Happy is the woman who feels toward her husband as Sarah did, who can obey her husband with happy reverence. If you, Mrs. Modern Wife, cannot feel so toward your husband, do not be surprised if you never have the love and fellowship which Sarah had with Abraham and the respect and reverence of your children which Sarah had from Isaac.

God Commands Husbands to "Rule," Wives to "Be Obedient"

Other Bible commands about the wife's duty toward her husband are as follows: "Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord." Colossians 3:18. "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:4, 5). "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." (Genesis 3:16). God uses strong terms here. He says to the wife, "Your husband shall rule over you." He says that older women should teach young wives to be obedient to their husbands, instead of encouraging frivolous and spendthrift wives to be rebellious and break the home. God's Word is explicit and plain and women who want to be happy, to have the real love of their husbands lasting down to old age, and the respect of their children and neighbors, which are not accorded to modern, pleasure-mad wives, should take to heart these commands from God's Word.

Excuses of Rebellious Wives

People always have plausible excuses for not doing right. Women give many reasons for not being subject to their husbands as God commands.

It is often insisted that in these modern days of liberty and equality no woman could keep her self-respect to live in a home and not be counted equal with her husband in authority But the same woman who objects to being under the authority of her husband attends clubs of which she is not president. She works in a church of which she is not pastor. She is a citizen of a government where others rule over her. Even the policeman on the corner can command her to stop or go, turn left or right, or may hail her to court where she is as helpless as a child before the law. Neither can men avoid authority over them; and other members of the club, the church, the citizens are often as good, or as wise, or as wellpleasing as the president of the club, the pastor of the church, or the judge of the court. Men who work for salaries or wages, and women, too, must take orders from those in authority, and sensible people can be happy in doing so.

The rebellion of a wife against her husband is exactly the same in spirit as the rebellion of a disobedient child against her father, of an incorrigible pupil against the teacher or a criminal against government; it is lawlessness pure and simple. In a government, business corporation, or home, there must be those in authority. Even if everybody wanted to do right, as long as people are frail, erring mortals there will be disagreements as to what is right. Someone must decide. God has appointed the husband and father in the home as the head, and the wife, the weaker vessel, as his helpmeet.

Wives Sometimes Wiser Than Husbands

Sometimes a wife has a better education than her husband. It frequently happens that she has natural abilities which her husband does not have. Sometimes a girl leaves a good job to marry a man who has a smaller salary than she had; naturally she feels superior. Should such a woman take orders from her husband? Should she defer to his judgment? Should she "be subject" unto him? Should she "be in subjection"? God's Word says yes!

A fourteen-year-old girl in home economic classes learns to sew beautifully and can make dresses which her mother could never make. She learns home decoration, can cook economical and attractive dishes and set a table in a way her mother never knew. She may be in high school while her mother never went beyond the fifth grade. Yet the daughter should obey the mother, not the mother the daughter. That is God's rule.

A fifteen-year-old boy, with the help of a county demonstra-tion agent, learns to select corn, break the ground, plant, replant, fertilize, and cultivate corn so that he makes a hundred bushels to the acre, when the father never made more than twenty or thirty bushels to the acre. The boy has advantages the father never had, reads books the father does not know the names of, has a better education; yet the boy should be subject to his father, not the father to the boy. That is God's way.

So with the wife who thinks herself superior to her husband. She should not have married a man whom she did not love enough to obey. She should not marry any man if she does not love God enough to do right.

"Don't you think women are as good as men?" people sometimes ask. Certainly, they are usually as good, sometimes worse, but many times better than their husbands. But if one who reads this is a good woman, then she will want to do right, for good wives take a wife's proper place. If you are a better Christian than your husband, then the best way to prove it is to obey God's plain commands concerning your husband and home.

Christian Wives Should Obey Unsaved Husbands

The question constantly arises in regards to an unsaved husband and the Lord plainly answers this question in I Peter 3:1,2: "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear." Here is the case of a husband who will not obey the Word of God, will not listen to the Gospel and has not been saved. The Lord says for a wife to be in subjection to such a husband and that that is the way to win him to Christ. Those of you wives who weep over your lost husbands and who plead and pray without success for their salvation, it may be that by your disobedient heart you have blocked the answer to your own prayers and made it so your husband will not listen to your pleading. The kind of religion which will make a wife the modest, unselfish, lovely, and obedient wife which God commands her to be—with that "ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price," as Sarah had, who obeyed Abraham, calling him lord (I Peter 3:4-6)—that kind of home religion in a wife will have more to do with the salvation of many a lost man than any amount of public preaching of the Gospel.

People ask foolish, theoretical questions here. "What if a husband should command his wife to get drunk?" etc., etc. That is a supposition for which the Lord made no provision here. We may be sure the reason is that that will not happen to a truly Christian woman who loves and obeys her husband. Husbands respect such wives and respect their religion! That is the reason God says such a course would win the husband when the preaching of the Word fails. Wives should be in subjection to their husbands, even unsaved husbands.

IV. "Husbands, Love Your Wives, Even as Christ Also Loved the Church and Gave Himself for It"

God's standards are high. In the same Scripture where He commanded women to be subject to their husbands in everything, He commanded the husband to love his wife, even as Christ loved the church! Notice the following verses in the fifth chapter of Ephesians: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." (Verse 25). "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself" (verse 28). "Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband" (verse 33).

Colossians 3:19 says the same thing, that husbands are to love their wives, then adds, "And be not bitter against them." In I Peter 3:7 the husband is exhorted to treat the wife with that kindness and honor Christians should show to weaker ones. Notice the words: "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

Husband, your wife is a part of yourself. You should love her as you love your own body, love her with the unselfish compassion that Christ has for His church. That standard is so high that it should make every man very humble as he tries to be a good husband. If the man is stronger, he would be better. If the man has more authority, he should have more responsibility. As the salvation of a sinner and the security of His saints depends on Christ, not on us, so the Lord places more heavily on man the responsibility for a happy home.

Men Can Prevent Broken Homes

The man is to "Cleave unto his wife." Hear the Saviour quoting from Gensis in Matthew 19:5, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh."

Husbands should have a pure and tender love for their wives; a love that passes over the wife's weaknesses without bitterness. Husbands should love their wives as special gifts from God, helpmeets to make them happy, for "whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord"(Proverbs 18:22), and, "A prudent wife is from the Lord" (Proverbs 19:14). A husband should love his wife as the mother of his children, being with him "heirs together of the grace of life" (I Peter 3:7). When a husband loves his wife even as himself, and as Christ loved the church, is not bitter against her and gives her honor as the weaker vessel, and leaving father and mother cleaves unto his wife, that home will very rarely be broken.

Evils That Follow Wrong Home Life
Happiness Lost, Faith Gone, Love Fails

If your home is not right, "be sure your sin will find you out"! Nothing is truer in God's Word than "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Disaster, trouble, heartache, and ruin follow the home where the wife is rebellious ant the husband a slacker, a shirker of responsibility. Such a home cannot be happy. There must be something more than a temporary sex attraction to make a happy home, and there cannot be any real peace and happiness until the question of authority and responsibility is settled and settled right.

For a wife to have her own way does not make her happy anymore than it does a rebellious child or a lawless citizen. This is another case where the wages of sin is death, death to happiness and death to all the blessings which God meant should follow marriage and a home.

True happiness in marriage is based on faith. The woman who does not trust her husband's judgment and character enough to submit to his will, cannot have the happiness which comes from full confidence. Then the husband cannot trust completely such a wife who thinks first, not of what is right or best for the home, but of her own selfish will. The companionship of husband and wife is not worth the name when faith and confidence are gone.

When happiness is gone and faith is gone, love soon follows them away. A woman will not long continue to love the man for whom she has no respect. Here is a strange fact, that though the Lord many times commands the wife to be subject to her husband, to submit to him, to be obedient to him, even to reverence him, yet in the Bible there is only a single command that a woman should love her husband! The reason must be that the highest and best love must always inevitably follow this path of duty. The woman who reveres and obeys her husband will find in her heart a deepseated love which depends not on mere sex attraction, but instead blossoms out of her own character and her position and is a gift of God! The highest form of married love is possible only in a Bible kind of a home.

When a husband's love for his wife is based upon her youth, her charm, her beauty, these, alas, all too soon fade away and such frivolous love cannot resist the effects of time, temper, poverty, and age. But the woman who is adorned with that beauty of the heart, which does not fail with age, "even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price," attracts and makes sure of her husband's unfailing love. A husband cannot but give such a wife not only the thrill of young love, and the passion of maturity, but the steadfastness of real respect and admiration through the years. Men and women who take the places God assigned them may expect that reward of virtue, that blessing of God, a love which does not wither when hair turns white nor when bodily passions pass away! But the rebellious wife and the slacker husband give wings to love and speed it away.

Disobedient Children in Discontented, Ungodly Homes

It cannot be an accident that a generation of rebellious wives and irresponsible husbands and a generation of disobedient, lawbreaking children should appear in the world at the same time. A government which cannot put down gangster rule in the United States may expect a continually growing wave of crime beginning with traffic violations and ending with murders and rape, year after year throughout the United States. One citizen cannot violate the laws with impunity without cultivating a disrespect for law. So it is in the home. The man who cannot rule his wife as God commanded, cannot long command his children. The man who takes a place as merely a money-maker for the home, a necessary evil with no authority, will find that his children laugh at his opinions, disregard his commands, and scorn his white hairs when he is old! Where the wife is lawless, children will be lawless. No scheme man can devise for the home can secure the respect and obedience of children like God's plan for a man to be the head of his home, the head over his wife.

Modern woman wants to have her cake and eat it, too. One of the pitiful things about modern women is their failure with their children, their sense of helplessness. How many such women, with their gray bobbed and waved in the fashion, their faces painted and their dresses of immodest cut, assured of themselves, boasting of their independence and equality, are yet scorned and disobeyed by their children! Put this down as an axiom, that children do not obey and respect mothers who themselves are disobedient and disrespectful wives! People reap what they sow. There is something in the character of such a rebellious woman that will make her a thorn in the side of her children. She will interfere with their lives, break up their marriages, hinder the discipline of their children. They will love her and yet despise her. Let those who do not agree with God's plan weigh the matter well before they break His plain commands about the home.

Prayer Hindered by Wrong Home Life

In I Peter, chapter 3, the Word of God warns us that the disobedient wife and the husband who does not love and honor his wife as he ought have their prayers hindered. In the first verse we are told that wives will win their husbands to Christ by obeying them and verse 7, closing the paragraph, says, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

You pray for lost children and they are not saved; your prayers are hindered because of wrong home life. A wife prays for her husband to be saved, or the husband prays for his wife's health, but their prayers are blocked, are hindered and an angry God does not listen because of their sins. If every other consideration fails to move the heart of the man and woman who reads this, then I beg you in Jesus' name to make your home right so God can answer your prayers. All of Christian happiness, the salvation of your children, the true prosperity of a Christian home, and the peace of a Christian life depend on keeping these plain commands of God.

Come Back to God's Way

If one reads this whose heart is heavy, whose home is unhappy—one whose dreams and plans concerning loved ones and home come toppling about your ears—then come back to God today and let Him fix your heart. After all, a happy home is a matter of religion, a matter of being right with God. Why not make confession to each other in the home, start again with family altar, begin again those old-fashioned practices of our forefathers which made their happy homes and happy hearts!

Unsaved man, until you let Christ come into your heart, how can you have the kind of home that the Lord wants you to have? How can you command your children aright until first of all you love the Lord and serve Him? Why not say with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"? Trust Christ for forgiveness today, call on God for strength to be a real man, and have the Holy Spirit to guide you in your duties in the home today. May God help you to have all the joys of a happy home, the peace of a good conscience, and the favor of God who hears your prayers because you please Him in these matters.

Farming and Gardening in the Bible

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CHAPTER 7

Fruit and Nut Trees

In the first volume of the*Encyclopedia Britannica,* illustrating the Adam reference, is a reproduction of an old Venetian woodcut dated 1492. Here are depicted Eve's temptation of Adam and the subsequent expulsion from the garden of Eden. The tree from which Eve has plucked the forbidden lure is certainly not an apple tree, but the fruit she proffers to her somewhat embarrassed lord and master might pass for an apple. Somewhere in the long stretch of history popular tradition has identified the apple with the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, although there is nothing in the Bible to suggest this. Scriptural experts argue that the tree and the fruit translated in both the Authorized and the Revised Versions as the apple is properly the quince, or the orange, or the citron, or the apricot. The apple tree has its defenders too, for the apple grew, and grows, in Palestine, but the native species has degenerated from that lauded by Solomon. When we consider how a neglected apple orchard can retrogress in a few years, we have little basis to conclude that the comparative absence of thriving apple trees in modern Palestine is proof that there were no prosperous apple orchards there three thousand years ago.

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree," sang the Psalmist, going on to pay further tribute to this tree noted for its utility, its beauty and its persistence; "They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing" [*Psalms 92:12, 14*] . There are many species of palm trees but it is to the date palm that the Bible refers in its numerous mentions. The date palm was prolific in the lands of the Near East, and the tree and its fruit filled many requirements of the natives, and age-old service which shows no signs of declining. The fruit ripened progressively, so the harvesting was spread over an extended season. Skilled gatherers climbed the trees to pluck the dates, but much ripe fruit could be obtained by shaking the tree and catching the falling dates in nets rigged underneath.

Some of the fruit was eaten fresh but most was sun-dried and processed for future use; pressing the dates yielded a rich syrup; the residue was steeped in water and later strained, furnishing a pleasant drink. Date wine was noted for its potent qualities, and some authorities believe that the "strong drink" of Scriptures was the fermented juice of the date. Vinegar was a by-product. Date honey was a delicacy and the marginal note against 2*Chronicles* (31:5) refers to this confection. Even the stones were utilized, being dried and ground in hand mills and fed to camels and cattle, or made into charcoal for the forges of the metal smiths. The largest leaves were used for roofing, the smaller woven into mats, baskets, bags and coverings. The shoots, cut each year from the base of the tree, were worked into hats, sandals, baskets, fans and ropes. The fibers became pliable cordage for the running rigging of ships, the finer ones being converted into thread and twine. From the branches, fences and cages were constructed. The wood was used for building, for masts, and as fuel. The sweet sap was drunk as tapped, and also distilled into alcohol. Oil, wax and parchment were other by-products.

The weary desert traveler and his equally fatigued camel felt their spirits rise and new vigor strengthen them when the waving palm tops of a distant oasis were sighted; water, food, shade, and perhaps company, lay ahead. It was natural that palm branches should become the emblem of welcome, public homage and journey's end. Jesus, entering Jerusalem at the height of his fame, was greeted by the fickle populace who "took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord" (*John* 12:13). Palm branches were the conventional symbol of public approbation and welcome by eastern people to conquering heroes, and were strewn and carried in triumphal processions*Revelation* (7:9) tells us, "Lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." The palm tree was embossed on ancient Hebrew coins, and the Romans celebrated the conquest of Judea by issuing a new coinage, still retaining the palm tree but with an added inscription announcing the victory.

The first biblical mention of palms is in Exodus (15:27). After the passage of the Red Sea the escaping Israelites journeyed three days, deep into the desert, before they found water; it proved bitter and undrinkable. Moses was divinely inspired to cast a tree into the pool, and the water became sweet. We are not told what type of tree accomplished this purification but evidently it grew in the vicinity of the well. Refreshed, the Hebrews continued to Elim, "where were twelve wells of water, and three score and ten palm trees." The name Elim means palm tree. Tamar is the more common Hebrew designation of the palm, and this was a popular name among Jewish girls. The city of Jericho was called "the City of Palm Trees," and is sometimes so referred to in the Bible without further identification. Bethany meant "the house of dates." The valley of the Dead Sea was noted for its palm groves, some of which were twelve miles in extent. Two writers as diverse as Solomon and Jeremiah used the palm tree to symbolize straight stature. Palm trees figured prominently in the carved decorations of the temple, being usually associated with cherubim, lions, and open flowers. The symbolic significance trails back beyond recorded history.

The fig bears the distinction of being the first named plant of the Bible. It was of fig leaves that Adam and Eve made their first apron, or, more correctly, girdle, after falling from grace. Prudery was safe behind the garment, for some eastern fig trees have leaves several square feet in area. The fig was one of the commonest cultivated fruit trees in Palestine, and to be able to relax under one's own vine and fig tree was the cherished desire of every countryman, for it meant an era of peace and prosperity. Mention of the fig tree, or its fruit, occurs more than sixty times in the Scriptures, and the associations make a colorful scenario. The glowing picture of the natural riches of the Promised Land, with which Moses encouraged the despondent tribesmen wandering in the arid desert, included figs as well as milk and honey. Factual confirmation was presented with the return of the spies laden with fig clusters, and other fruit.

As happens today, an alert wife saved a churlish husband from the consequences of his boorishness by quick thinking and action, plus a gift of homemade food which included two hundred cakes of dried figs. Abigail made such a good impression on David that when her husband conveniently died ten days later, David married her without delay. The tale is told in the twenty-fifth chapter of I*Samuel*. Five chapters later we read of the Amalekites raiding David's headquarters during his absence, putting it to the torch and carrying off all the women, including Abigail. The vengeful David and his troop, pursuing hotfoot, found a straggler from the raider's band, sick and starving. Revived with a cake of figs and some raisins, he led them to the hideout of the unsuspecting brigands, whose drunken carousing left them at the mercy of the Israelites, and Abigail and another of David's wives were restored to the elated leader. Soon after David had been anointed king he celebrated his accession, entertaining his troops at a great military banquet lasting three days, and we read of cakes of figs being consumed along with other bounties of the land (1*Chronicles* 12:40). A medical property of figs is related in 2 *Kings* (20:7), where Isaiah prescribed a fig poultice for the boils of the dying King Hezekiah; the treatment was so effective that he was restored to health and lived many more years. A very ancient remedy, syrup of figs, is still featured in modern drug stores.

An interesting parallel to some of the historical events of contemporary times may be found in the 24th chapter of *Jeremiah*. Nebuchadnezzar, having conquered Judea, deposed the ruling king and carried him, his princes, and his skilled craftsmen, to Babylon. A puppet king, Zedekiah, nephew of the defeated ruler, was set up in Jerusalem and a collaborationist regime established. The patriot Jeremiah, who may be compared to a resistance leader, denounced the renegade monarch, and prophesied the downfall of his administration and the eventual reestablishment of the deposed government. Two baskets of figs are used to represent the anti- and pro-Babylonian factions among the Jews. "One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad." We infer that the contrast between good and bad figs must have been very marked to justify use of this divinely inspired comparison to a divided kingdom.

Many good Christians have puzzled over Jesus' seemingly unreasonable condemnation of the fig tree, which, although in leaf, was without fruit (*Matthew* 21:18-20). The explanation is simple. Figs develop without preceding blossom, sometimes before the tree has come into leaf. Consequently on a fig tree in full leaf one expected to find mature fruit; leaves without fruit indicated a sterile condition, a valueless tree. That the season was too early for normal fig production was apparently irrelevant; the first figs of the season were not usually ripe till May or June, and the cursing of the untimely fig tree occurred in April or even earlier. Possibly a warm spring spell and a sheltered sunny location had tricked the unfortunate fig tree, a lone specimen, in premature and unbalanced development.

The early figs were esteemed above all others as delicate and choice, as we have seen from Jeremiah's political parable *Hosea* (9:10) acclaimed righteous Israel "as the first ripe in the fig tree at her first time." As poets do each springtime, Solomon joyously greeted the awakening of nature: "The winter is past....the flowers appear....the fig tree putteth forth her green figs," and, in more philosophical mood, "Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honored" (*Proverbs* 27:18). The first tender figs were easily loosened from their stems, and *Nahum* (3:12) used this simile to foretell the destruction of Nineveh: "All thy strongholds shall be like fig trees with the first ripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater."*Revelation* (6:13) speaks of fig windfalls, "even as a fig tree casteth her untimely (margin: green) figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind."

The fig tree was deservedly popular. As the first crop of early figs reached maturity in June, the next growth - summer figs - began to appear, and had ripened by August. This second installment was most suited for drying and preserving. They were spread out on mats, in the sun, pressed into moulds or pounded into a mass which sometimes was compounded with dates, then shaped into bricklike forms and hardened in storage.

The winter figlets developed as the summer figs were harvested and reached their fulness when the tree was once again bare of leaves in late autumn. In mild winters some of the figs could be coaxed along until early spring, furnishing an out-of-season delicacy. Winter figs were the largest of the series, dark colored and oblong in shape.

The Jews, like other men of old, and a few countrymen in our own time, kept nature's calendar rather than man's and prepared for seasonal farm labors in accordance with plant phenomena, movements of migratory birds and animals, clouds and weather sequences. In each of the first three Gospels Jesus based a parable on the widespread belief that the leafing of the fig tree indicated summer weather was at hand. Another parable, of interest to the organic gardener, is recounted in *Luke* (13:6-9): "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." The absentee owner was impatient for results, while the patient husbandman who had tended the young tree for three years felt that in spite of the outward appearance of sterility, good cultivation and a dressing of organic matter might bring it into production.

Nathaniel, who under an alternate name is believed to have been the disciple Bartholemew, was seated under a fig tree when Jesus first spiritually discerned his saintly character. This demonstration of occult power amazed the good Nathaniel and, he willingly joined the devoted band of Jesus' followers (*John* 1:45-50).

Another man whom the Master honored was also associated with a tree. Zacchaeus (*Luke* 19:1-9) was short of stature, and climbed a convenient sycomore tree in order to see Jesus, obscured by the intervening crowd who thronged around him. This sycomore tree was more properly the sycomore fig, one of the varieties of the fig family common in Palestine and Egypt, and no relation to the sycamore maple or to the buttonwood. No other reference occurs in the New Testament, but the Old Testament gives us further information. Once in 1 *Kings* and twice in 2 *Chronicles,* Solomon is credited with having made the previously scarce cedar as plentiful as the sycomore which grew so prolifically in the valleys and plains. The tree was subject to frost damage, which accounted for its being grown in warm and sheltered fields, in contrast to hardier varieties of figs which thrived on rocky hillsides exposed to sea breezes. The fruit was considered of inferior grade and was consumed by the poorer classes, although in the time of David it was considered of sufficient importance to share, with the olive, the supervision of a specially appointed minister of the crown (1 *Chronicles* 27:28). Sycomore figs grew in bunches, like grapes, both from twigs directly attached to the trunk and from the larger branches.

In the *Book of Amos* (7:14), the humble herdsman discounts his reputation as a prophet and says he is merely "a gatherer of sycomore fruit." A marginal note substitutes "wild figs" for "sycomore fruit." The Revised Version has Amos describing himself as a dresser of sycomore trees. His duty was to score the fig skins with a sharp instrument, for sycomore figs, in order to be edible, required to be punctured a few days before harvesting.

We are all familiar with the valuable contribution of the bee in pollinating flowers and fruit, but the benefaction of the fig wasp is less widely known. The relationship between plant and insect is lengthy and involved. The flowers of the fig are borne on the inside of a pear-shaped hollow receptacle, open at one end. Through this small channel climbs the tiny fig wasp, to lay her eggs in sterile flowers. In due course the eggs hatch into a small colony of wasps, the males fertilize the females and die within the fig, while the females crawl out of the fig through the still open channel. In so doing they brush against the male flowers and pollen sticks to their bodies. Entering inside other figs, this pollen fertilizes the female flowers there, and the transformation into fruit proceeds. The numerous seeds and seed coverings are fruits of the flowers, the aggregate composing what we term a fig.

Sometimes identified with the sycomore tree is the sycamine, mentioned by Jesus (*Luke* 17:6) in a declaration of the power of faith over matter. Most authorities consider that the sycamine was of the mulberry family rather than that of the fig. Mulberry trees, which are referred to in parallel passages in 2 *Samuel* (5:23-34) and 1 *Chronicles* (14:14-15), are amongst those Bible plants on which no satisfactory identification has been reached. The Hebrew word used is similar to that signifying weeping, and weeping willows as well as balsam trees which exuded (wept) gummy substance have been suggested. Claims for the pear, aspen and poplar have also been advanced. Mulberry trees were common in the Holy Land but were cultivated for their fruit, which tasted something like raspberries, rather than for the leaf diet on which silkworms are raised.

We find the fig tree throughout the Bible books from *Genesis* to *Revelation,* and across this wide reach the olive also displays its homely figure. Noah welcomed the returning dove, carrying an olive leaf in its beak, as a harbinger of peace and return to normalcy. The dove bearing the olive branch has been accepted as the symbol of peace throughout the ages, and as such flutters uneasily throughout myriads of newspaper cartoons in our troubled times.

With the fig and the vine, the olive made up the backbone of Hebrew horticulture. The fruit of the tree constituted an important dietary staple as *Deuteronomy* (24:20) tells: "When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow." Proof that this provision was faithfully observed may be found in *Isaiah* (17:6) where the prophet, writing seven hundred years later, testifies: "Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof."

Beating and shaking of the olive tree was the harvesting method, the first step in the oil-extracting process. While the fruit was edible, it was to the production of oil that most of the commercial and communal olive yards were devoted. Olive oil was a culinary necessity to the housewife, a universal substitute for butter, yet having other unique uses. Its mercantile importance is attested, as early as Solomon's reign, by the quantity of olive oil sent King Hiram for his woodsmen. A good olive tree was expected to yield at least a thousand pounds of oil during its period of profitable production. Fruit was borne bi-annually rather than yearly, ten to twenty gallons of oil being the seasonal extraction from the fruit of healthy mature trees.

In *Exodus,* the Israelites were commanded to supply pure olive oil, specially refined and processed to ensure the unfailing burning of the sacred light before the altar; olive oil was a constituent of the oil of holy ointment with which the altar and other holy vessels of the ark of the tabernacle were anointed. Cruder grades of olive oil than those specified for the temple service were used in domestic lamps, and wick sputtering and failing must have been a common experience. The lamps of the ten virgins burnt olive, or other vegetable oil. Soap was one of the by-products: "For though thou wash thee....and take thee much soap, yet thine inquity is marked before me" (*Jeremiah* 2:22). The efficacy of olive oil as a soap ingredient is attested by its inclusion in the name of a well known modern brand of toilet soap.

The Greek work translated oil throughout the New Testament is specifically olive oil, medicinal and cosmetic usage being reported. The apostles "anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them" (*Mark* 6:13). The context suggests that spiritual or mental healing power was the dynamic therapeutic, the oil being soothing and perhaps symbolic, or a concession to more orthodox medical practice. This is borne out in *James* (5:14-15): "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." The good Samaritan treated the wounds of the traveler who fell among thieves by "pouring in oil and wine" (*Luke* 10:34). This application of olive oil and alcohol to open wounds was probably standard first-aid in Jesus' time. There are many references to the cosmetic use of olive oil throughout the Scriptures, some having added religious and symbolic meaning attached.

Olive harvesting was laborious and painstaking. The skins bruised readily, which impaired the value of the contents. The finest oil was extracted from fruit not quite ripe, the maturer berries giving an inferior grade. Contrary to other oil bearing

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Anabaptist era in Switzerland, nor do we find any among the exodus movement after 1660, to the Alsace - Lorraine regions in France, and to the Palatinate in Germany. We are inclined to believe that our Kurtz families originate in Germany, perhaps the Kurtzes preceding our immigrants have joined Mennonite groups in Germany, while few accounts appear of them living in Switzerland. Of the few accounts we have in European Mennonite history books, on the Kurtzes, they all appear in Germany, except one and that was in the nineteenth century. The H. G. Geiser book *Die Taufgesinnten Gemeine,* list one Henry Kurtz, a preacher who frequently contacted the Mennonites and attended their church meetings.

The most wholesome accounts of the Kurtzes in Europe appear in the J. Virgil Miller study releases, who recently compiled lists of Amish ministers of Europe in the first half of the eighteenth century. He lists a Jacob Kurtz (1739) in Mechtersh - Sheimer Hof (Germany) and an Abraham Kurtz at the same in 1743. Since these dates are before our Kurtzes immigrated it is quite probable that they were our immigrants listed already among the ministry in Germany. Another logic document can be taken from the Hans Holly 1805 letter, preserved and translated by Joseph Peachey, Belleville, Pennsylvania. He writes to someone (address unknown) that of his mothers brothers, are Stephen Kurtz and Hans Kurtz, who have lived and died in America. Apparently the letter is addressed to someone in Germany, but was never posted. This leaves direct evidence that of our five Kurtz immigrants, Stephen and Hans were brothers, perhaps Abraham, Jacob and Christian were of another family. The Mennonite Cyclopedic Dictionary, by Daniel Kauffman (1937), however, maintains that Johannes or Hans and Christian were sons of Stephen Kurtz, who lived and died in Switzerland. That the sons arrived at Philadelphia in 1731, is likely at error, and that the father lived in Switzerland is doubtful. ☐

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and Minister Aaron and Deacon David King of the Cattail Lower Pequea District, and also great-grandparents of the Budget scribe Bishop John F. Glick. (178) Jonathan King (173) married to Catherine Lapp, daughter of Valley John and Elizabeth (Zook) Lapp. They were the parents of Isaac King who married to Katie Stuckey of Archbold, Ohio, they lived in Chester County, and in turn were the parents of the Chester County Kings, including Deacon Isaac King of the Millwood Mennonite Church. (179) Anna King (173) married to Jonathan Kauffman, son of Samuel and Sarah (Lapp) Kauffman. Jonathan was ordained minister in 1866, in the Middle Pequea District. His son Samuel Kauffman married to Rachel Stoltzfus who were the parents of Minister Benjamin Kauffman of Nine Point District, where his son Bennie is Deacon. From the Samuel Kauffman family descend about all the Amish Kauffmans of Lancaster and adjoining counties. The rest of the children of Jonathan Kauffman went with the Millwood Mennonite Church in 1877, including (180) Benjamin Kauffman (179) who married to Mary Esh, daughter of Peter Esh. Their son John E. Kauffman of Atglen, who is a historian and has done a lot of study and some translating of our Ausbund Hymnal book.

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plants, most of the oil was secreted in the outer pulp, and the first pressing, rather a gentle process, yielded the best quality oil. Second and third pressings followed, the oil progressively deteriorating, but being usable as soap base. The golden color of the oil is mentioned by *Zechariah* (4:12). Stone olive mills have been unearthed by archaeologists, with apertures allowing the expressed oil to run into stone receptacles. Foot presses were also used, as the allusion in *Micah* (6:15) reveals.

Traditionally, the olive likes sea air and occasional mist, and *Deuteronomy* (28:40) confirms this maritime compatibility: "Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts", yet it needs sunshine and protection from strong winds during its flower and fruit season, for the opening promise in the above quoted verse is offset in the conclusion, "but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit." In *Job* (15:33) retribution overtaking the wicked is compared to the olive casting its flowers: evidently the olive was chosen for this comparison as it is particularly profuse in its blooms, and so the ephemeral nature of wealth and material possessions is dramatized to poor Job by his sermonizing friend Eliphaz. However, it is the beneficence rather than the faults of the olive tree to which the Scriptures bear witness.

In the parable of the trees, quoted in the preceding chapter, it is the olive which is first offered the rulership, and in declining it boasts of its fatness, wherewith God and man is honored. Paul, in *Romans* (11:17), also pays tribute to the fatness of the olive. "The Lord called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit," *Jeremiah* (11:16) reminded the Jews, in recalling their heritage *Hosea* (14:6) too proclaimed Israel's true destiny: "His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree." "But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God" rejoices David (*Psalms* 52:8), and again in *Psalms* (128:3), he likens the children of the righteous man to olive plants growing around his table.

The olive was not spectacular nor majestic nor outwardly remarkable, but neither was the true purpose nor the destny of the Chosen People. Much of the tragedy of the Jewish race, as the prophets constantly reiterated, came because they misinterpreted their spiritual role into worldly manifestation. The olive was productive rather than ornamental, throve in rocky soil where other plants could not grow, let alone produce a valuable crop. The trunk was gnarled and knotted, not towering like the cedar nor graceful like the palm. It matured slowly and seldom attained a height of thirty feet. Yet it had the constant charm of the evergreen, and its quiet olive-grey leaves set it apart from the lusher green display of other plants. Its longevity was proverbial. The Mount of Olives, so named for the trees which flourished there in Bible times, lay close to Jerusalem, and was much frequented by the Master. A few wizened old olive trees still cling to the sacred slopes.

In the herbal of *Isaiah* (41:19) we find the lone mention of the oil tree. In the original Hebrew, the same word is used in 1 *Kings* (6:23) and rendered into English as olive tree, with a marginal alternative, oily trees of oil. Again in *Nehemiah* (8:15) the Hebrew word is repeated, with the surprising translation as pine. Turning to the corresponding verses of the Revised Version, we find the *Isaiah* reference given as oil tree, with a marginal choice of oleaster. 1 *Kings* becomes olive wood, while *Nehemiah's* pine is transformed into wild olive. This verse in *Nehemiah* Mentions several other trees, including the (cultivated) olive, so whatever the tree was we may assume that it was not the orchard olive of commerce.

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Our Fatherland In America

The Kurtz Families

Although the Kurtz family name is well known in the Old Order Amish society, the name does not appear so often as one may suppose. A steady decline is noticed in general statistic history, in the last two century period. No other family name is so popular among eighteenth century Amish immigrants except perhaps Miller, which may exceed Kurtz, but more likely they were about alike in number in our Fatherland. Unlike the Kurtzes, the Millers have gained the highest population rate in our society today. Perhaps it would be useless to try to explain a reason for this sharp contrast, although a reason does exist. One thing we know is that the first and second generation Kurtzes were extremely progressive in material gains, even though an old writing says that one Kurtz family (this may be true for them all) came to America poor — so poor they had no table to eat off of when they started housekeeping in America.

Some second generation Kurtzes journeyed west early and that is where most of them are living today. The only Amish Kurtzes living east of the Susquehanna today are in Delaware and Maryland. A few may be found in Mifflin County, Somerset and west central counties of Pennsylvania. Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, holds the most in this state. The Holmes County and Vicinity 1973 Directory lists seven Kurtz family heads. The Geauga County, Ohio 1973 Directory lists 11 Kurtz family heads. Elkhart - LaGrange County, Indiana lists five. Madison and Stark Counties, Ohio may have a few, Buchanan County, Iowa has a few, otherwise the Kurtzes are scarce in the United States and Canada today. Rabers Almanac lists 7 ordained men, 4 in Lawrance County, Pennsylvania, one in Dover, Delaware, one in Geauga County, and one in Buchanan County, Iowa. It is likely that there were as many Kurtz ministers in America in the second quarter of the 1800's as there are today. The John Funk Minister list of 1871 gives 4, although it was perhaps incomplete. The Rabers 1931 Almanac lists 3, with only 66 church districts in the United States and Canada (without the Nebraska group in Mifflin Co.). So at the same time the districts have multiplied, the Kurtz ministers became less, except in the last count of 1977, which is low compared to the total increase of our population.

In spite of this steady decline over the years, the Kurtz families are an outstanding figure in our Fatherland. Hans Kurtz who settled first along what is now Irish Creek in Berks County, soon moved to the reknown homestead near Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania. He is recognized as the first Amish Deacon in Berks County, and was in charge of the Alms book from 1768 until his death. The newly found Alms book begins at 1784, (if the pages are all intact) nearly all the entries are endorsed by Abraham Kurtz until his death, which indicates that he was in charge of the Alms in the West Conestoga Pequea Congregation. Stephen Kurtz Jr. appears on the last entry before the Berks County Alms book went west to the Conemaugh. Many other noteable points could be added regarding the Kurtz pioneers. The early Kurtz families were industrious, progressive farmers. This clan as a whole perhaps cleared off and tilled more virgin land than any other in our Fatherland. They were consistent farmers. Even after some of the second and third generation Kurtzes merged with other church groups, they clung to the farm. As late as 1875 there were 8 Kurtz farmers in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, and in recent years a number of Kurtz families occupied some of the finest farms in Eastern Lancaster County. These are practically all descendants of our immigrants.

Immigrant Jacob Kurtz is a forebearer of many Stoltzfus families in the Pequea and Conestoga today. Likewise are Stephen and Hans direct ascendants of many Amish families, some in Lancaster County, more in western counties and states, that a surface study could estimate that from one third to one half of our total families in America, descend from one of the four Kurtz immigrants. Abraham Kurtz gives a large offspring in many settlements, although perhaps less in the east.

Like many other Fatherland families, the early church suffered a heavy loss in the Kurtz lines, in the second and third generation. The conservative element moved west while the progressive ones remained. A current Lancaster County public directory lists 171 Kurtz families, while the Berks County Directory has 95 families listed. The city of Reading alone gives 45 families which is the highest count of any place in Southeastern Pennsylvania, and likely the highest of any place in America. It is difficult to estimate what percent of these families are descendants of our immigrants, it can, however, be supposed that a large percent are. To our knowledge there were no Mennonite Kurtz immigrants in our Fatherland region, although there were a few Lutherans.

The Kurtzes in Europe

After considering the frequent occurences of documents on land grants, tax returns and couty records of Kurtz families in our Fatherland, naturally we would expect to find numerous accounts of the Kurtzes in Europe. Incidentally this is not so, rather, to our surprise, they are few. In fact we find none in the

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Community Note - Wadena, Minnesota

Joe A. Mast had an accident with his toe on November 5. His toe was accidentally shot off and he was in the hospital a few days, but was able to be in church on crutches.

Community Notes - Utica, Minnesota

Bishop Menno N. Schwartz Jr., 43, was having gas pains and took tests at the Mayo Clinic. On the 4th of November he was operated on for cancer at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. They took one kidney, the spleen, part of the small intestines, a small part of the pancreas, and the rest of the big colon that was left from a previous operation of 2 years ago, also for cancer. It was a serious operation, but he responded good the first few days, then he lost weight and strength the next week. They gave him 2 pints of blood and started feeding him in 2 places through the veins. He was allowed no water or food up till Thanksgiving, but started getting his strength back, and gained real good after Thanksgiving. He was permitted to go home and be with his family again. They moved in our area on March 15 of this year and have a family of 12 children. Their address is R1, 55979 Utica, Minnesota.

Noah Gingerich of Chattfield R3, fell off the barn roof and hurt his hand. It required 16 stitches. This happened on November 23, while he was putting a ventilator in the cow barn. It had cut his veins and he lost over a pint of blood.

Community Note - Mayes County, Oklahoma

Moses M. Coblentz, 89, our oldest member has recently had his leg amputated about six inches below the knee. Faulty circulation caused the veins to dry up in his right foot and lower leg and gangerene was developing. Inspite of his age, Mose is looking forward to walking again with an artificial leg. His address is Chouteau R1. Letters and cards would be appreciated.

Community Note - Bronson, Michigan

Two accidents within a month from each other happened to the Menno Bontrager family recently. In both accidents the horse was killed and the buggies smashed from an automobile running into the horse and buggy. The occupants both times came through with only scratches and minor bruises. The last accident was on Sunday night on the way home from the singing, November 27, and the first accident happened early in the morning on the way to work. Both times the young folks were involved.

Community Note - Holmes County, Ohio

Crist G. Yoder, 65, Of Millersburg R3, had a stroke and fell off the first floor while putting up a building. He was badly hurt in the head, and was operated on to take a blood clot out of his head, which had caused his stroke. He is in a Mansfield Hospital for more than 3 weeks now. He was taken out of intensive care just lately, but is gaining very slowly. This happened on November 4.

Community Note - Medford, Wisconsin

Joe F. Yoders and daughter Clara, and Mrs. Ammon Miller had a mishap while on the way to Medford on Friday, October 28. The buggy upset and the horse broke loose. Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Yoder and Mrs. Ammon Miller got only scatches and bruises while Joe's daughter, Clara, was taken to Marshfield hospital in serious condition with a skull fracture.

Community Note - Holmes County, Ohio

Junior Miller, 13 year old son of Bishop and Mrs. Jacob J. J. Miller, Dundee R1, broke a bone in his right hand on October 26, while trying to correct an unruly cow. He must wear a cast, and is in the eighth grade at East Valley School

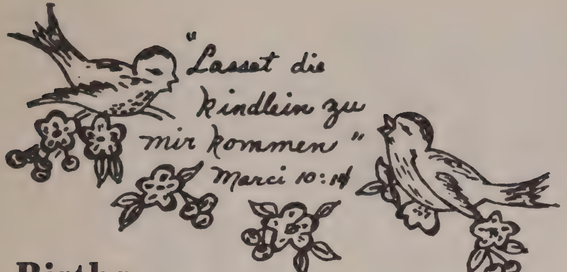
Community Notes - Wayne County, Ohio

Mrs. Elmer (Ada) Hochstetler had a mishap on November 10, when she wanted to take a step ladder from her house to her daughter, the Eli D. Yoders' house and slipped and fell with the ladder on top of her. She was in the Wooster Hospital with a crushed vertabre.

Eli Hochstetler had a mishap on Wednesday, November 9, when he was hauling a hog on the hack and it tried to get out. He stopped to tighten up the rack and as he started to climb back on the seat the horse ran away and dragged him along until the hack upset. He is in Cantan Aultman Hospital with his jaw broken in 4 places and 6 ribs, plus other injuries. He was improving slowly.

Community Note - Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Sarah, age 74, wife of Henry K. King of Lebanon R1, entered the hospital on November 29. On the 24 they operated and removed her right kidney which was badly infected. She is coming along as good as can be expected for her age and condition.


"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen"
Marci 10:14

Births

St Mary's County, Maryland

Swarey, Israel (Lizzie Hostetler) a daughter, **Elsie**, November 1
Swarey, Jacob D. (Barbara Hertzler) a son **Andy**, November 11

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Amos (Lavina Yoder) Strasburg R1, a son, November 24
Beiler, David Z. (Katie Kauffman) Ronks R1, a son, November 5
Beiler, Elam E. (Rebecca B. King) Christiana R1, a dau., **Savilla K.**, November 5
Beiler, Isaac S. (Fannie Riehl) New Holland R2, a son **Michael David**, November 16
Beiler, John K. (Elizabeth S. Beiler) Ronks R1, a dau. **Eva**, Nov. 14
Esh, Aaron K. (Sylvia K. Lapp) Quarryville R3, a son **Leroy L.**, Nov 27
Fisher, Omar S. (Rebecca Esh) Ronks R1, a daughter, November 12
King, Amos E. Jr. (Sadie S. Esh) Ronks R1, a son **John E.**, Nov. 3
King, Benjamin (Malinda K. Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R2, a son **Benjamin S.**, October 9
King, Christian B. (Rebecca S. Lapp) Christiana R1, a son **Amos L.**, October 29 (correction of last month)
King, Eli S. (Mary K. Petersheim) Ephrata R2, a son **Daniel**, Nov. 13
Lapp, Christ P. (Barbara Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son **Amos S.**, November 13
Lapp, John K. Jr. (Sally Beiler) New Holland R1, a dau. **Edna B.**, November 8
Lapp, Samuel F. (Amanda S. Blank) Leola, a son **Daniel B.**, Nov. 19
Miller, David B. (Hannah Kauffman) Christiana R1, a son **Jesse K.**, November 3
Petersheim, Abram (Malinda Stoltzfus) Ronks, a son **Paul B.**, Nov. 27
Riehl, John F. (Lydia P. Stoltzfus) New Providence R1, a dau. **Mary S.** November 18
Riehl, Levi E. (Malinda S. King) Honey Brook R2, a son **John K.**, Oct.6
Smucker, David (Rachel Kauffman) Bird-in-Hand R1, a dau., Nov. 7
Stoltzfus, Aaron (Emma Fisher) Bird-in-Hand, a son **Roman**, Nov. 1
Stoltzfus, Amos S. (Mary S. Fisher) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son, Nov. 11
Stoltzfus, Amos K. (Sallie Beiler) Witmer, a dau. **Sallie B.**, Nov. 30
Stoltzfus, Amos L. (Mary L. King) Gordonville R1, a dau. **Rebecca**, November 4
Stoltzfus, Benuel L. (Malinda Smucker) Honey Brook R1, a dau. **Barbara**, September 27
Stoltzfus, Christ S. (Priscilla Lapp) Christiana R1, a dau. **Sadie L.**, October 17
Stoltzfus, Christian (Rebecca Ebersol) Honey Brook R2, a son, Nov. 5
Stoltzfus, Daniel S. (Emma K. King) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son **Samuel K.** November 28
Stoltzfus, Daniel Z. (Lydia Fisher) Bird-in-Hand, a son **Paul Daniel**, November 16
Stoltzfus, David (Barbara Swarey) Christiana R2, a dau. **Katie**, Nov 25
Stoltzfus, Elam B. (Marian Stoltzfus) Ronks, a son **Elam B. Jr.**, Nov 21
Stoltzfus, Reuben K. (Sadie Ann Stoltzfus) a dau. **Martha Joy**, Oct. 10
Stoltzfus, Samuel K. (Rachel F. King) Kinzers R1, a dau. **Rebecca K.**, October 15
Stoltzfus, Samuel L. (Malinda K. Esh) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son **Benuel E.**, November 11
Yoder, Benjamin (Fannie Stoltzfus) Narvon R2, a daughter, Nov. 30
Zook, Daniel E. (Nancy Mae King) Narvon R1, a son **David Jay**, Nov 13
Zook, David (Mary E. Kauffman) Christiana R1, a dau. **Susie K.**, November 18
Zook, David G. (Sarah Lapp) Lititz, a daughter, November 14
Zook, Reuben B. (Naomi S. Fisher) Kinzers R1, a son **Amos**, Nov. 25

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Smoker, Eli K. (Fannie Lantz) Lebanon R1, a son **John**, November 23

Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

Esh, Daniel K. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Trout Run, a son **Daniel Jr.**, Nov 11

Clinton County, Pennsylvania

Smoker, Jacob (Sarah Zook) Loganton R2, a daughter **Fannie**, Nov. 10
Stoltzfus, Amos (Katie Miller) Loganton R2, a dau. **Lydia**, November 8

Centre County [Brush Valley] Pennsylvania

Beiler, Eli (Mary Glick) Centre Hall, a dau., **Savilla**, November 21
Esh, Henry (Fannie Beiler) Rebersburg, a dau. **Rebecca**, November 3
King, Enos (Lavina Esch) Rebersburg, a son **Enos**, November 9

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Peachy, Menno A. (Mary Lapp) Mifflintown R2, a dau. **Katie**, Nov. 3

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, Jonas D. (Ella Kanagy) Belleville, a dau. **Esther**, Nov. 23
Swarey, Isaac (Lavina Kanagy) Belleville, a son **Stephen**, Nov. 24
Swarey, Phares (Hettie Swarey) Allensville, a dau. **Fannie**, Nov. 2
Zook, Benjamin (Katie Peachey) Belleville, a dau. **Ada**, November 19

Path Valley, Pennsylvania

Hostetler, John (Lydia Hertzler) a daughter **Malinda**, November 22
Swarey, Enos (Lydia Peachey) a son **John**, November 2

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Brenneman, Mark (Lizzie King) Springs, a son **Daniel**, November 3
Yoder, Rufus (Dursilla Kinsinger) Grantsville, a dau. **Jemima**, October

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

Coblentz, Wallie E. (Amanda Byler) a son **Reuben**, November 13

Wayne County, Ohio

Hershberger, Paul A. (Mary Coblentz) Mt. Eaton, a son, November
Kiem, Roy (Mary Troyer) Apple Creek, a son, November 17
Mast, Aden D. (Verna Beachy) Fredericksburg R1, a son, Nov. 16
Miller, Aden A. (Betty Yoder) Dalton, a son **Orla**, November
Miller, Atlee Y. (Dorothy Graber) Orrville, a dau. **Rosanna**, Nov. 11
Miller, Joe M. (Mary Yoder) Apple Creek R2, a son, November 22
Miller, Leroy A. (Mattie Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a son **Marvin**, November 5
Miller, Roman R. (Ada Mae Weaver) Dalton R2, a dau. **Erma**, Nov 3
Troyer, Henry A. (Elma Miller) Apple Creek R1, a son, November 14
Wengerd, Eli E. (Sarah Yoder) Apple Creek R1, a son **Daniel**, Nov. 6

Holmes County, Ohio

Barkman, Eli A. (Ada Stutzman) Fresno, a son, November 6
Burkholder, Jonas P. (Catherine Troyer) a son **Nelson**, October
Erb, Henry L. (Esther Hershberger) Baltic, a son **Jonas**, November 7
Hershberger, Alvin U. (Barbara Miller) Baltic, a dau. **Susan**, Nov. 1
Hershberger, Levi J. (Esther Yoder) Fresno, a son **Joni**, October 28
Mast, Henry E. (Amanda Yoder) a daughter **Ella**, September 22
Miller, Abe D. (Katie Miller) Baltic, a daughter **Susan**, November 13
Miller, John A. (Fannie Mae Miller) a son **Duane**, October
Miller, Melvin S. (Mary Weaver) Holmesville R1, a dau. **Fannie**, Oct. 3
Miller, Melvin W. (Ada Schlabach) Millersburg, a dau. **Esther**, Oct. 25
Raber, Levi A. (Elizabeth Yoder) Fresno, a son **Aden**, October 30

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Raber, Robert (Amanda Miller) Millersburg R1, a son **David Allen**, September 24

Schlabach, Dale A. (Mae Yoder) Sugar Creek R2, a dau. **Loretta**, November 21

Schlabach, Jonas L. (Katie Schlabach) Millersburg R5, a dau. **Miriam**, November 4

Stutzman, Levi H. (Betty Troyer) Millersburg R4, a son **Larry**, Nov 15

Troyer, Enos S. (Lydia Burkholder) Baltic, a son, November 5

Troyer, Roy J. (Alma Miller) Baltic, a daughter **Ruth**, October 26

Weaver, Dan M. (Betty Miller) Holmesville R1, a dau. **Rhodah**, Oct. 2

Weaver, Nelson J. (Sarah Schlabach) Wilmot R1, a son **Eli**, Nov. 2

Yoder, Amos (Verna Yoder) Millersburg R3, a son **Willis**, Nov. 24

Yoder, Andy M. (Fannie Yoder) a son **Ervin**, September 22

Yoder, Eli C. (Mary Yoder) Millersburg R3, a dau. **Laura**, Nov. 25

Yoder, Eli D. M. (Anna Raber) Millersburg R4, a son **Calvin**, Oct. 31

Yoder, Jonas N. (Lizzie Miller) a daughter **Lucinda**, November 4

Yoder, Paul J. (Mary Yoder) Wilmot R1, a son **John**, October 31

Yoder, Uriah M. (Savilla Miller) Dundee R1, a son **Daniel**, October 26

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Yoder, Phineas L. (Barbara Bontrager) Colon R1, a son **Marvin Ray**, November 2

Allen County, Indiana

Lengacher, Melvin (Irene Schmucker) a son **Paul**, November 9

Schmucker, Arthur (Lucy Miller) a son **John A.** November 5

Schmucker, David (Emma Schmucker) a son **Michael**, November 17

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Weaver, Marvin (Mary E. Schwartz) Quincy, a son **Emanuel**, Nov. 26

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Ammon J. (Clara Lehman) a son **John A.**, October 24

Bontrager, Howard H. (Rosie Bontrager) Shipshewana R2, a daughter **Betty Lorene**, November 15

Eash, Melvin (Alta Miller) Shipshewana R1, a dau. **Eva Elaine**, Oct. 20

Hochstetler, Amos O. (Anna Fern Raber) Shipshewana R1, a dau., November 2

Lambright, Mervin H. (Susie Miller) LaGrange R4, a son **Daniel**, November 19

Miller, Ervin U. (Alta M. Yoder) Topeka R2, a dau. **LeAnna E.**, Nov 23

Miller, Henry N. (Edna W. Yoder) a dau. **Marlene H.**, October 22

Miller, Homer (Ella Hostetler) Topeka R1, a son **Lyle Dean**, Nov. 3

Miller, Howard Vernon (Ruby E. Miller) LaGrange R2, a daughter **Carolyn Sue**, October 13

Miller, Levi (Dorothy M. Yoder) Wolcottville R2, a son **Matthew Jacob** November 4

Miller, Ora S. (Susie T. Yoder) Wolcottville R2, a son **Ervin O.**, Nov 23

Mullet, Herman E. (Elsie A. Yoder) a daughter **Lena**, October 23

Yoder, Jerry J. (Rosemary Hochstedler) Wolcottville R2, a son **John Arthur**, November 3

Yoder, Melvin H. (Etta Fern Wingerd) Shipshewana R1, a daughter **Marilyn Irene**, October 26

Elkhart County, Indiana

Bontrager, David (Ruth Coblentz) Shipshewana R2, a dau. **Rachel**, November 2

Schwartz, Daniel (Mary Zehr) Middlebury, a daughter, November 20

Yoder, Abraham J. (Wilma Schlabach) Middlebury, a dau., Nov. 18

Arthur, Illinois

Gingerich, Sylvanus (Carolyn Miller) a daughter, November 5

Herschberger, Menno B. (Barbara H. Miller) a daughter, November 27

Miller, Marvin (Katherine Gingerch) a daughter **Esther**, November 25

Plank, Marlin (Edna Mae Herschberger) a dau. **Christina**, Nov. 29

Ethridge, Tennessee

Hostetler, Daniel J. (Sarah N. Stutzman) a daughter **Katie**, Nov. 22

Miller, Atlee M. (Rebecca N. Zook) a daughter **Sarah**, November 12

Windsor, Missouri

Herschberger, Willis N. (Rachel Kauffman) a son **Noah**, November 28

Audrian County, Missouri

Borntreger, Daniel (Mary Miller) Clark, a son **Mahlon**, November 3

Burkholder, Eli (Edna Yoder) Clark, a son **Mose**, November 21

Petersheim, Jake (Alice Yoder) Clark, a son **Eli**, November 18

Stutzman, Jake (Anna Petersheim) Clark, a daughter **Sarah**, October

Jamesport Missouri

Graber, Menno (Verna Kauffman) a daughter **Freida Sue**, November 5

Schrock, David Wayne (Martha Kauffman) a son **John Edward**, Nov. 6

Yutzy, Jonas (Emma Graber) a daughter **Mary**, November 30

Mayes County, Oklahoma

Yoder, Everett (Barbara Detweiler) a son **Jason William**, October 4

Yoder, Lloyd (Esther Miller) a daughter **Mary Edna**, November 7

Garnett, Kansas

Keim, Floyd (Lorene Yoder) Garnett R3, a dau. **Mary Emma**, Oct. 17

Kramer, Dan (Lorene Yoder) Garnett R3, a dau. **Connie Joan**, Sept. 11

Schmucker, Elmer (Katie Lorene Yoder) Garnett, a son **Jonathan**, September 23

Yoder, LeRoy (Wilma Miller) Garnett, a son **Lyle Ray**, October 11

Partridge, Kansas

Headings, Marvin (Treva Schrock) a son **Norbert Dean**, November 2

Johnson County, Iowa

Miller, Ephraim (Verba Gingerich) a daughter **Marietta**, November 4

Miller, Sanford (Sylvia Beachy) a daughter **Heidi**, November 2

Bloomfield, Iowa

Kuhns, Menno (Lizzie Schmucker) a daughter **Mary Edna**, October 4

Yoder, Henry D. (Anna Yoder) a son **Olin**, November

Buchanan County, Iowa

Raber, Roman C. (Emma Hershberger) a son **Christ**, November

Schmucker, Melvin (Gertie Yoder) Independence, a son **David**, Nov 18

Shetler, Ivan (Mary Yutzy) Fairbank, a daughter, November

Blair, Wisconsin

Miller, Lester (Barbara Mast) a son **Marvin**, November 18

Canton, Minnesota

Miller, Meno P. (Edna Miller) a son **William**, November 9

Wadena, Minnesota

Borntreger, Joe (Sarah Yoder) a son **Toby**, November 17

Utica Minnesota

Yoder, Amos J. (Lydia Schmucker) a son **Freeman**, November 12

Yoder, Amos J. A. (Katie Mullet) a daughter **Gertie**, November 3

Yoder, Preacher David J. (Ada Shetler) a daughter **Sarah**, Nov. 9

OBITUARIES

Bontrager, Joseph R., 61, LaGrange R1, Indiana

died Sunday morning, October 30 in the LaGrange County Hospital. He was born in LaGrange County on February 10, 1916, and was the son of Reuben S. and Lizzie Ann (Lehman) Bontrager. He was married January 12, 1939 to Ida Mae Miller. Surviving with his wife are two sons, Daniel and Ervin, both at home; three brothers, Ervin and Amos, both of Shipshewana, and Samuel of Wolcottville; and two sisters, Mrs. Daniel (Mary Bontrager of Wolcottville and Mrs. Amos J. (Ada) Miller of Shipshewana.

Funeral servies were held Wednesday, November 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the family home with Bishop Ervin Lehman and Mose Mast officiating. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

Byler, Sarah, 71, Wayne County, Ohio

died Wednesday night, November 23 of a stroke. She was a daughter of Joe J. and Anna (Miller) Chupp, February 3, 1906, and was married to Roman J. Byler, March 28, 1927. Surviving with her husband are 6 daughters and 3 sons; Mrs. Levi E. (Anna) Yoder of Hartley, Delaware, Mrs. Alvin (Susie) Schlabach of

Oakland, Maryland, Ada of Wooster, Mrs. Raymond J. (Verna) Miller, Mrs. Eli J. D. (Mary) Miller of Apple Creek, Ohio, Mrs. Dan J. D. (Ella) Miller of the home, Jonathan R. of Wooster, Ervin of Wadsworth, and Ezra of Fredericksburg; 48 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mrs. Noah (Mary) Stutzman of Paraguay and Mrs. Dan M. (Elizabeth) Yoder of Desbora, Ontario; 2 brothers, Jacob Chupp of Holmesville and Levi Chupp of Fredericksburg. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers and 5 sisters, also 2 sons.

Funeral services were held at the home of a daughter, the Dan J. D. Millers and Andy Swartzentrubers, by Bishop Atlee J. Troyer. Burial was in the Jacob Yoder Cemetery in Paint Twp.

Fisher, Barbara F., 76, Kinzer R1, Pennsylvania
died at the Lancaster General Hospital, Friday, November 11. She had been under a doctor's care. She was born in Leacock Twp. and was the daughter of the late Stephen and Sallie (Fisher) Esh. She was the widow of John K. Fisher, who died in 1974. She is a member of the Old Order Amish church. She is survived by the following children: Stephen E. Pasadena, California; Levi E., Kinzer R1; John E., Gap R1; Benjamin A., Newburg; Elmer E., Kinzer R1; David E., Paradise R1; Daniel E., Strasburg R1; Sadie, wife of Omar F. Stoltzfus, Gap R1; Susie, wife of Jesse F. King, Ronks R1; Barbara, wife of Omar F. King, Coatesville R2; Elizabeth, wife of Christ Blank, New Holland R2. Sixty-three grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also survive. In addition the following brothers and sisters survive: David F. Esh, Gordonville R1; Levi F. Esh, Quarryville R3; Emanuel Esh, Ronks R1; Emma, wife of Ben T. Fisher, Gordonville R1; Sallie, wife of John F. Beiler, Paradise R1; Mattie, wife of Joseph S. Fisher, Ronks R2; Stephen Esh Jr., Gordonville R1; Samuel A. Esh, Paradise R1.

Funeral services were held at her home on Monday, November 14, at 9:00, by Stephen Fisher and Stephen Esh, her nephew Michael Stoltzfus read the scripture. Burial was in the Ronks Cemetery.

Herschberger, Steven, 3, Tuscola, Illinois
died November 22 at 8 a.m. at the Burnham City Hospital from an overdose of capsules, he vomited and was taken to the hospital where he died at 8:30 a.m. He is the son of Nelson M. and Clara C. (Bontrager) Herschberger. He was born in Decatur, November 17, 1974. Surviving with his parents are two brothers, Larry and Allen, both at home; paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Menno D. Herschberger of Arthur; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Chris N. Bontrager of Arthur, and great-grandparents Fannie Beachy and Mattie Miller, both of Arthur. One brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the Menno D. Herschberger residence, 8:30 a.m., Friday the 25, by Harley Bontrager, Michigan and Bishop Dan A. Miller, in the little house by Andy Herschberger and Marvin Otto, Howard Co., Indiana, and Steve Kauffman. Pallbearers were Jacob D. Schrock, Elmer L. Miller, Kenneth S. Kauffman, and John R. Yoder. Burial was in Otto Cemetery.

Mast, Eli D., 66, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio
died Friday, November 11, from a heart attack. He was found in his shop on an old rocking chair by his wife, Levina. He was born to the late Dan J. and Emma (Miller) Mast April 5, 1911, and was married to Lavina Hershberger, December 25, 1934. He was ordained Deacon in 1945. Surviving with his wife are eight daughters and six sons:Mrs. William (Clara)Kuhns; Mrs. Melvin W. (Amanda) Yoder, Mount Hope; Mrs. Eddie (Emma) Kline, and Mrs. Allen (Esther) Miller of Millersburg; Mrs. Eli J. (Katie) Troyer and Mrs. Jonas (Ada) Stutzman of Fredericksburg; Mrs Dan J. (Susie) Troyer of Shreve; Mrs. Roy A. (Lavina) Yoder of Apple Creek) Dan E. of Apple Creek; Atlee E., Eli E., Levi E., all of Fredericksburg; Irvin E. of Dundee; Aden of the home. 71 grandchildren, 4 sisters; Mrs. Eli C. (Susie) Miller Fredericksburg Mrs. Dan J. L. (Emma) Schlabach; Mrs. Sol (Ada) Yoder of Fredericksburg; Mrs. Aden (Fannie) Kiem of Mount Hope; and 4 brothers; Andy D. and Dan D. of Fredericksburg; Aden D. of Apple Creek; and Abe of Sarasota, Florida.

Funeral services were held at the Jonas J. Miller residence, Monday, November 14, by Bishop Amos S. Miller. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

Miller, Anna, 86, Grove City, Minnesota
died November 2, at the home of her daughter, the Amos J. Yoders, where she had been staying the last year. She was married to the late Adam Miller who was killed by a hit and run driver in 1963.

Funeral services were held at the Glen Beachy residence in Johnson County, Iowa, on November 5, by Bishop Henry B. Miller, Morris Miller and Morris Swartzentruber. Burial was in the Peter Miller Cemetery.

Miller, Eli, 83, Frederickeburg R2, Ohio
died Sunday morning, November 27, from a heart attack after being in failing health several months. He was born November 8, 1894 to Joni and Katie (Hershberger) Miller in Holmes County. He was married to Barbara Troyer on December 25, 1918, who preceded him in death May 25, 1969. He was re-married to Lydia (Hochstetler) (Stutzman) Miller. He is survived by his wife with the following: one daughter, Mrs. Jacob R. (Fannie) Troyer of Fredericksburg; 4 step daughters, Mrs. Atlee (Emma) Yoder of Dundee; Mrs. Elmer (Anna) Wengerd of Millersburg; Mrs. Crist J. (Susie) Miller of Dalton and Mrs. John J. C. (Mattie) Miller of Fredericksburg; one son, Sanford Miller of the home; one step son George Stutzman of Orrville; 15 grandchildren, 44 step grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 45 step great-grandchildren; 11 brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held November 30, at the home by Bishop Amos Miller. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

Schrock, Olen E, 18, Haven, Kansas
died November 5, at the age of 18 years, 8 months and 23 days. He died from acute lymphacytic leukemia after being ill 22 months. On January 20, he was admitted to the St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, for the first time in these 22 months of illness, he was admitted 7 times and on October 29 he was admitted for the last time, and spent his last 8 days there with much suffering. Acute leukemia was found which caused him many sick days. It was hard to accept that he has this uncurable disease, but he endured it all faithfully and prayerfully having a great desire to get well, but submitted himself to the will of his Saviour. He will be greatly missed by the family and the community, and had many friends. He was the son of Enos E. and Ida (Bontrager) Schrock, and was born February 13, 1959. Surviving with his father and mother are 4 brothers, William E. married to Norma (Zehr), Eli Jay married to Connie (Carmin), Robert married to Velma (Miller), and Floyd married to Betty Sue (Esch) all of Haven; 3 sisters Mrs. Alvin L. (Fannie) Miller of Haven, Mrs. Fred W. (Sara Ann) Yutzy of Jamesport, Missouri, Mrs. Mervin J. (Treva) Headings of Hutchinson. 18 nephews, 11 nieces, 5 uncles and 9 aunts and a host of cousins. Preceding him in death are both grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Eli S. Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Bontrager and one nephew Terry, son of Robert and Velma Schrock. Olen was a member of the Old Order Amish church and lived in Haven Community with his parents all his life.

Funeral services were held Tuesday p.m. November 8, at the home by Bishop Jonas P. Bontrager and Minister Sam J. Yoder in german and Reverend Andrew A. Bontrager in english in the house and Bishop Ferman Troyer of Jamesport, Missouri, and Minister Samuel T. Petersheim in german and Reverend Calvin King in english in the shed.

Smucker, Rebecca E., 87, Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania
died Tuesday at 6:15 a.m. at the home of her daughter, Mary, with whom she resided for the past 15 years. She was sickly since January with several strokes and heart failures, which eventually affected her mind and walk. She was the widow of Samuel B. Smucker, who died in 1962. She was born in Narvon, and was a daughter of the late Daniel and Mattie Esh Stoltzfus. She is survived by the following children: Mary, wife of John F. King, with whom she resided; Eli S. Smucker, Atglen R1; Daniel S. Smucker, Ronks R1; John S. Smucker, Lancaster; Priscilla, wife

of Aaron S. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1; Samuel S. Smucker, Lancaster; and Rebecca, wife of Samuel L. Esh, Gordonville R1; 51 grandchildren; 86 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Sarah King, Narvon, and Mrs. Katie Stoltzfus, Lancaster, and one brother Levi Stoltzfus, Narvon.

Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John F. King, by Joe Beiler and Dan Stoltzfus, leid by David King in graveyard, and at the house by Jonathan Beiler, abshied by Jonathan King. Burial was at the Groffdale Cemetery.

O many lips are saying this
Mid falling tears today
And many hearts are aching sore
Our mother has passed away.

And when at last the death stroke came
So swift so sure so true
The hearts that held her here so fast
Were almost broken too.

Mary King

Stoltzfus, Samuel F., 82, Gap R1, Pennsylvania
died at the Lancaster General Hospital, November 7 Monday morning. He had been under a doctor's care. He was born in Salisbury Township, and was a son of the late David L. and Katie L. (Fisher) Stoltzfus. He was married to Barbara (Fisher) Stoltzfus and was a retired farmer. He is survived with his widow by the following children: Aire, wife of Elam B. Stoltzfus, Gap R1; Noah E., at home; Jacob F., Gap R1; David F., Kinzer R1; and Emma F., wife of Stephen F. Stoltzfus, Newville; twenty four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Betsie Beiler, Gap R1; Mrs. Katie Stoltzfus, Narvon R1; Daniel F. Stoltzfus, Gap R1; Hannah, wife of Gideon Fisher, Myerstown, and a stepbrother, Samuel E. Stoltzfus, Leola.

Funersl services were held at the home place by Bishop Stoltzfus, Bishop Aaron Esh, leid at the house by Bishop John Beiler, at the graveyard by Bishop John Glick, abshied by Bishop Jonathan King. Pallbearers were Bishops John F. Glick, Amos Blank, Henry and Danny Fisher. Burial was at the Spring Garden Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, Susie S., 70, Kinzers R1, Pennsylvania
died at her home Sunday, November 27, after a lengthy illness. She was born in Mifflin County, and was a daughter of the late David S. and Fannie (Smucker) Renno. She was married to Ira G. Stoltzfus. Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Elizabeth, wife of David F. Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1; six grandchildren; a brother, John S. Renno, Ronks R1, and a sister, Fannie, wife of Amos Miller, Leola.

Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday the 30 at 9 a.m. Burial was in the Millwood Cemetery.

Swartzentruber, Ammon S., 84, Millersburg R3, Ohio
died October 30, at his home, following an extended illness. He was born in Holmes County, and was a son of the late Simon and Katie (Ley) Swartzentruber. He was married to Mary J. Erb, a daughter of Joseph M. and Katie (Yoder) Erb, who died in 1965. Surviving are 2 daughters: Mrs. Joe (Katie Ann) Hershberger of the home and Mrs. Albert J. (Ada) Yoder of Millersburg; one son: Albert Swartzentruber of Millersburg; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, one sister Mrs. Emanuel Wengerd of Sarasota, Florida; 4 brothers Andy, Fredericksburg; Albert, Holmesville; Emanuel, Kalona, Iowa; Enos, Millersburg. Preceding him in death were 3 grandchildren, 4 brothers, 2 sisters.

Funeral services were held at the residence by Bishop David E. Yoder. Burial was in the Erb Cemetery, Clark Township.

Troyer, John R., one day old, Millersburg R4, Ohio
died Tuesday afternoon, October 18, in Akron Children's Hospital. He was a son of Roy A. and Susan (Hostetler) Troyer. Surviving in addition to his parents are a sister and brother, Rosanna and Robert of the home, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hostetler of Jamesport, Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Troyer of Millersburg.

Funeral services were held Wednesday the 19, at 3 p.m. in the Troyer residence by Bishop Henry E. Mast. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery in Berlin Township.

Weaver, Fannie J., 78, Maysville, Ohio
died Monday, November 28, at her home after a 7 months illness. She was born in Holmes County to Abe M. and Mattie (Miller) Yoder and had lived most of her life in the Wayne County area. She was married to Jacob D. Weaver who died December 1, 1974. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Menno (Mattie) Troyer of the home; a son Abe J. of Fredericksburg; 27 grandchildren, 14 step grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren, 26 step great-grandchildren; 5 sisters, Mrs. Eli A. (Sarah) Miller; Mrs. David S. (Lizzie) Troyer; Mrs. Dan (Mattie) Byler; Mrs. Monroe J. C. (Ella) Miller all of Apple Creek; and Mrs. Eli J. (Ada) Miller of Millersburg; a son John preceded her in death, also 3 sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Abe J. Weaver residence, Thursday, December 1, by Bishop Roman D. Troyer and Bishop Jacob R. Troyer. Burial was at Yoder Cemetery in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County.

Yoder, Ann Marlene, stillborn, Sugarcreek R2, Ohio
stillborn daughter of Ferman E. and Esther Kurtz, Monday evening, October 24 at Pomerene Hospital in Millersburg. In addition to her parents she is survived by one brother Matthew Lavon, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Eli Yoder, R2 Sugarcreek and great-grandmother Mrs. Mattie Beachy, R2 Sugarcreek.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Noah Coblentz cemetery with Bishop Monroe Y. Miller officiating.

Yoder, Barbara M., 83, Shipshewana R2, Indiana
died Saturday, November 12, in her home. She had been in failing health for the past year. She was born October 2, 1894 in LaGrange County. She had lived in Shipshewana most of her life. She was married to Harvey J. Kauffman in 1921. He preceded her in death January 26, 1927. She married Abraham J. Yoder in 1929. He preceded her in death September 6, 1960. Surviving are two sons, Henry L. Kauffman of Vandalia, Michigan. and David Kauffman of Shipshewana; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 12 stepchildren, including Mrs. Levi (Fanny) Chupp of LaGrange and Mrs. Abner (Barbara) Slabaugh and Jonathon A. Yoder, both of Middlebury.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the Roy W. Miller home, located north of Middlebury, by Bishop Leonard Miller and Ray Miller. Burial was in the New Pennsylvania Cemetery.

Yoder, Benedict, 91, Garnett, Kansas
died September 7, at the age of 91 years, 2 months, and 12 days.

Funeral services were held at the home of John Yoder Jr., September 9.

Yoder, Esther, 88, Millersburg R1, Indiana
died Thursday, November 17, at Goshen General Hospital where she was admitted Monday. She was ill two weeks. A native of Moultrie County, Illinois, Mrs. Yoder was born July 18, 1889. She lived in the Goshen area since 1966, moving from Plain City, Ohio. She was married to Henry B. Yoder on November 25, 1920. She is survived with her husband by five daughters, Mrs. Amos (Bertha) Bontrager of Millersburg, Mrs. Enos (Emma) Swartzentruber and Mrs. Glen (Alma) Miller, both of Goshen, Mrs. Noah (Fannie) Gingerich of Plain City, Ohio, and Miss Ruby Yoder of Sarasota, Florida; six sons, Ezra of Millersburg, Allen, Jonas and John, all of Jamesport, Missouri, Lester of Garnett, Kansas, and Henry Yoder of Kalona, Iowa; 67 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren and 42 step great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Freeman S. Miller home Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with Bishop Milo J. K. Miller, Freeman S. Miller and Chester Miller. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery northeast of Goshen.

making more than we are for home builders and church attendants? Have we come to the place where we place more value on what a man possesses than what he is in character?

Our penal institutions are crowded. Our Sunday schools are half empty. Our dance halls are running over in a suggestive, licentious business that starts on the downward trail 75 per cent of our American girls who have lost their way in life. Does our system of education, that has left God and religion out, have anything to do with the conduct of our youth?

Our Greatese Menace

Teachers and preachers who tear the Bible to pieces, make fun of old-fashioned revivals of religion, regard belief in the Bible as old-fogyism, and mock at oldtime standards of living constitute the greatest menace to the youth of America that we have today. John Dillinger and Pretty Boy Floyd were not our greatest criminals. Men and women who destroy the faith life of our youth in God and our holy religion, are our greatest destroyers of Christian civilization.

The Tragedy of Home Conditions

I hesitate even to speak in this realm because of the tragedies connected with it. Home is the foundation of civilization. "Civilization goes forward on the feet of little children." Well, how can we go forward when 300,000 of our homes entered the divorce courts last year! Seventy-five per cent of our six million listed criminals came from broken families.

The noted Gypsy Smith says that one marriage out of every five finds a way to the divorce courts, while one out of every three is on the rocks.

Condition of Womanhood

A great divine said that there has never gone down in history a great man who did not have a good mother. She may not have been known outside the community where she lived, but she had sterling character qualities.

The prophet Ezekiel says, "As is the mother, so is the daughter." Just what are we to expect from this crowd of cigarette-smoking, dram-drinking, dancing, unchurched womanhood of our nation? Will they produce a God-loving generation to come? Will the type of womanhood which is filling our dance halls, drinking intoxicating liquors, and never going inside the house of God, give to us sons and daughters with tendencies toward God and vital religion?

Two hundred fifty-seven billion cigarettes were used in our country last year. Are our women smoking themselves into a higher type of womanhood than were our mothers before us? Two hundred thirty-eight millions of tons of sugar was used in 1945 for the liquor interests, while little girls sat at a table where we ate yesterday and did not have sugar to put on their cereals. Our womanhood are doing their part in helping to fill the coffers of the liquor interests of our own fair nation. There is a reason why the lads are not going up to the Father's house with us. They have inherited a condition among our womanhood never known in our history before. A nation cannot rise higher than its mothers. Are we headed for the breakers? Are our women taking the lads up with us?

John Ruskin once said: "The human soul, in youth, is not a machine of which you can polish the cogs with any help, or brickdust near at hand. The whole period of youth is one of essential informantion, instruction. There is not an hour of it that is not trembling with destinies—not a moment of which, once past, the appointed work can ever be done again, or the neglected blow struck on the cold iron."

The Hour Trembling with Destinies

Such a statement! "There is not an hour but that is trembling with destinies!" This matter of saving youth is so important that it begins in babyhood days and continues every day until majority years are reached. Mayo Clinic says that, if a child is neglected physically in the early formative years, something is done to the child that Mayos can never undo. If that be true physically, how much more so is it true in the moral and spiritual realm! "Take this child, and nurse it for me," is the challenge that comes down to every father and mother on earth, entrusted with the bringing up of a human soul.

Are Parents Setting a Worthy Example?

"Daddy, I am following in your steps," were the words of a small lad as he wound around the path that led up the mountain. Well, where will these lads wind up if they follow the average, non-church-going, whiskey-drinding crowd of parents to be seen on every corner across this nation? Is there not a reason why the lads are not going up to the Father's house with us?

Charles Dickens once said, "Somewhere it must be written that the virtues of the mothers shall be visited upon the children, as well as the sins of the fathers." But one does not have to be a pessimist to see that womanhood is about on the lowest level in our own fair land that it has been since we have known a civilization—lewdness, immodisty, vulgarity, indecency, loud and boisterous talking, with a dancing craze, and cigarette-smoking such as has never been known in our nation before. Youth rarely rise higher than the mothers who gave them birth. A boy may have a poor father and make a strong character, but he seldom rises in moral strength higher that the woman who brought him into this life.

Are Parents Responsible?

There are more than 3,000 Chinese boys and girls in the New York area. During the past eight years there have been only two cases of juvenile delinquency found among them. A recent court investigation found that the Chinese delinquency is the lowest of any racial or sectional group. Chinese teachers were questioned concerning the reason for this remarkable showing and they gave the precept of Confucius: "The misconduct of the child is the fault of the parent."

Could it be possible that the actions of this generation of American youth are traceable to the sins of omission and commission of their parents? Are we as parents willing to share this godlessness of our juveniles? Will we face facts and say that we have blundered, neglected, and failed to make preparation to know how to save the innocent, helpless offspring for whose existence we are responsible? Will we make alibis and a hundred excuses, or just stand up to the rack and say we are to blame?

As a parent I will take this blame. Will you? My offspring could have done better had they been guided more carefully and prayerfully in their formative years.

Raber, Robert (Amanda Miller) Millersburg R1, a son **David Allen**, September 24
Schlabach, Dale A. (Mae Yoder) Sugar Creek R2, a dau. **Loretta**, November 21
Schlabach, Jonas L. (Katie Schlabach) Millersburg R5, a dau. **Miriam**, November 4
Stutzman, Levi H. (Betty Troyer) Millersburg R4, a son **Larry**, Nov 15
Troyer, Enos S. (Lydia Burkholder) Baltic, a son, November 5
Troyer, Roy J. (Alma Miller) Baltic, a daughter **Ruth**, October 26
Weaver, Dan M. (Betty Miller) Holmesville R1, a dau. **Rhodah**, Oct. 2
Weaver, Nelson J. (Sarah Schlabach) Wilmot R1, a son **Eli**, Nov. 2
Yoder, Amos (Verna Yoder) Millersburg R3, a son **Willis**, Nov. 24
Yoder, Andy M. (Fannie Yoder) a son **Ervin**, September 22
Yoder, Eli C. (Mary Yoder) Millersburg R3, a dau. **Laura**, Nov. 25
Yoder, Eli D. M. (Anna Raber) Millersburg R4, a son **Calvin**, Oct. 31
Yoder, Jonas N. (Lizzie Miller) a daughter **Lucinda**, November 4
Yoder, Paul J. (Mary Yoder) Wilmot R1, a son **John**, October 31
Yoder, Uriah M. (Savilla Miller) Dundee R1, a son **Daniel**, October 26

Bronson, Michigan

Schwartz, Samuel (Rosa Eash) Coldwater, a son **Steven**, November 6

Centreville, Michigan

Hochstetler, Elva Ray (Naomi Bontrager) Centreville R1, a daughter **Ida Sue**, October 31
Hostetler, Joseph (Mary Machler) Sturgis R2, a son **Glen**, October
Miller, Elmer H. (Ella C. Bontrager) Centreville R1 a son **Perry**, Nov 3
Yoder, Phineas L. (Barbara Bontrager) Colon R1, a son **Marvin Ray**, November 2

Allen County, Indiana

Lengacher, Melvin (Irene Schmucker) a son **Paul**, November 9
Schmucker, Arthur (Lucy Miller) a son **John A.** November 5
Schmucker, David (Emma Schmucker) a son **Michael**, November 17
Wickey, Reuben (Effie May Brandenberger) a dau. **Margaret**, Nov. 5
Zehr, Alvin (Mary Graber) a son **James**, November 10

Branch County, Michigan

Weaver, Marvin (Mary E. Schwartz) Quincy, a son **Emanuel**, Nov. 26

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Ammon J. (Clara Lehman) a son **John A.**, October 24
Bontrager, Howard H. (Rosie Bontrager) Shipshewana R2, a daughter **Betty Lorene**, November 15
Eash, Melvin (Alta Miller) Shipshewana R1, a dau. **Eva Elaine**, Oct. 20
Hochstetler, Amos O. (Anna Fern Raber) Shipshewana R1, a dau., November 2
Lambright, Mervin H. (Susie Miller) LaGrange R4, a son **Daniel**, November 19
Miller, Ervin U. (Alta M. Yoder) Topeka R2, a dau. **LeAnna E.**, Nov23
Miller, Henry N. (Edna W. Yoder) a dau. **Marlene H.**, October 22
Miller, Homer (Ella Hostetler) Topeka R1, a son **Lyle Dean**, Nov. 3
Miller, Howard Vernon (Ruby E. Miller) LaGrange R2, a daughter **Carolyn Sue**, October 13
Miller, Levi (Dorothy M. Yoder) Wolcottville R2, a son **Matthew Jacob** November 4
Miller, Ora S. (Susie T. Yoder) Wolcottville R2, a son **Ervin O.**, Nov 23
Mullet, Herman E. (Elsie A. Yoder) a daughter **Lena**, October 23
Yoder, Jerry J. (Rosemary Hochstedler) Wolcottville R2, a son **John Arthur**, November 3
Yoder, Melvin H. (Etta Fern Wingerd) Shipshewana R1, a daughter **Marilyn Irene**, October 26

Elkhart County, Indiana

Bontrager, David (Ruth Coblentz) Shipshewana R2, a dau. **Rachel**, November 2
Schwartz, Daniel (Mary Zehr) Middlebury, a daughter, November 20
Yoder, Abraham J. (Wilma Schlabach) Middlebury, a dau., Nov. 18

Arthur, Illinois

Gingerich, Sylvanus (Carolyn Miller) a daughter, November 5
Herschberger, Menno B. (Barbara H. Miller) a daughter, November 27
Miller, Marvin (Katherine Gingerch) a daughter **Esther**, November 25
Plank, Marlin (Edna Mae Herschberger) a dau. **Christina**, Nov. 29

Ethridge, Tennessee

Hostetler, Daniel J. (Sarah N. Stutzman) a daughter **Katie**, Nov. 22
Miller, Atlee M. (Rebecca N. Zook) a daughter **Sarah**, November 12

Windsor, Missouri

Herschberger, Willis N. (Rachel Kauffman) a son **Noah**, November 28

Audrian County, Missouri

Borntreger, Daniel (Mary Miller) Clark, a son **Mahlon**, November 3
Burkholder, Eli (Edna Yoder) Clark, a son **Mose**, November 21
Petersheim, Jake (Alice Yoder) Clark, a son **Eli**, November 18
Stutzman, Jake (Anna Petersheim) Clark, a daughter **Sarah**, October

Jamesport Missouri

Graber, Menno (Verna Kauffman) a daughter **Freida Sue**, November 5
Schrock, David Wayne (Martha Kauffman) a son **John Edward**, Nov. 6
Yutzy, Jonas (Emma Graber) a daughter **Mary**, November 30

Mayes County, Oklahoma

Yoder, Everett (Barbara Detweiler) a son **Jason William**, October 4
Yoder, Lloyd (Esther Miller) a daughter **Mary Edna**, November 7

Garnett, Kansas

Keim, Floyd (Lorene Yoder) Garnett R3, a dau. **Mary Emma**, Oct. 17
Kramer, Dan (Lorene Yoder) Garnett R3, a dau. **Connie Joan**, Sept. 11
Schmucker, Elmer (Katie Lorene Yoder) Garnett, a son **Jonathan**, September 23
Yoder, LeRoy (Wilma Miller) Garnett, a son **Lyle Ray**, October 11

Partridge, Kansas

Headings, Marvin (Treva Schrock) a son **Norbert Dean**, November 2

Johnson County, Iowa

Miller, Ephraim (Verba Gingerich) a daughter **Marietta**, November 4
Miller, Sanford (Sylvia Beachy) a daughter **Heidi**, November 2

Bloomfield, Iowa

Kuhns, Menno (Lizzie Schmucker) a daughter **Mary Edna**, October 4
Yoder, Henry D. (Anna Yoder) a son **Olin**, November

Buchanan County, Iowa

Raber, Roman C. (Emma Hershberger) a son **Christ**, November
Schmucker, Melvin (Gertie Yoder) Independence, a son **David**, Nov 18
Shetler, Ivan (Mary Yutzy) Fairbank, a daughter, November

Blair, Wisconsin

Miller, Lester (Barbara Mast) a son **Marvin**, November 18

Canton, Minnesota

Miller, Meno P. (Edna Miller) a son **William**, November 9

Wadena, Minnesota

Borntreger, Joe (Sarah Yoder) a son **Toby**, November 17

Utica Minnesota

Yoder, Amos J. (Lydia Schmucker) a son **Freeman**, November 12
Yoder, Amos J. A. (Katie Mullet) a daughter **Gertie**, November 3
Yoder, Preacher David J. (Ada Shetler) a daughter **Sarah**, Nov. 9

OBITUARIES

Bontrager, Joseph R., 61, LaGrange R1, Indiana

died Sunday morning, October 30 in the LaGrange County Hospital. He was born in LaGrange County on February 10, 1916, and was the son of Reuben S. and Lizzie Ann (Lehman) Bontrager. He was married January 12, 1939 to Ida Mae Miller. Surviving with his wife are two sons, Daniel and Ervin, both at home; three brothers, Ervin and Amos, both of Shipshewana, and Samuel of Wolcottville; and two sisters, Mrs. Daniel (Mary Bontrager of Wolcottville and Mrs. Amos J. (Ada) Miller of Shipshewana.

Funeral servies were held Wednesday, November 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the family home with Bishop Ervin Lehman and Mose Mast officiating. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

Byler, Sarah, 71, Wayne County, Ohio

died Wednesday night, November 23 of a stroke. She was a daughter of Joe J. and Anna (Miller) Chupp, February 3, 1906, and was married to Roman J. Byler, March 28, 1927. Surviving with her husband are 6 daughters and 3 sons; Mrs. Levi E. (Anna) Yoder of Hartley, Delaware, Mrs. Alvin (Susie) Schlabach of

Oakland, Maryland, Ada of Wooster, Mrs. Raymond J. (Verna) Miller, Mrs. Eli J. D. (Mary) Miller of Apple Creek, Ohio, Mrs. Dan J. D. (Ella) Miller of the home, Jonathan R. of Wooster, Ervin of Wadsworth, and Ezra of Fredericksburg; 48 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mrs. Noah (Mary) Stutzman of Paraguay and Mrs. Dan M. (Elizabeth) Yoder of Desbora, Ontario; 2 brothers, Jacob Chupp of Holmesville and Levi Chupp of Fredericksburg. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers and 5 sisters, also 2 sons.

Funeral services were held at the home of a daughter, the Dan J. D. Millers and Andy Swartzentrubers, by Bishop Atlee J. Troyer. Burial was in the Jacob Yoder Cemetery in Paint Twp.

Fisher, Barbara F., 76, Kinzer R1, Pennsylvania
died at the Lancaster General Hospital, Friday, November 11. She had been under a doctor's care. She was born in Leacock Twp. and was the daughter of the late Stephen and Sallie (Fisher) Esh. She was the widow of John K. Fisher, who died in 1974. She is a member of the Old Order Amish church. She is survived by the following children: Stephen E. Pasadena, California; Levi E., Kinzer R1; John E., Gap R1; Benjamin A., Newburg; Elmer E., Kinzer R1; David E., Paradise R1; Daniel E., Strasburg R1; Sadie, wife of Omar F. Stoltzfus, Gap R1; Susie, wife of Jesse F. King, Ronks R1; Barbara, wife of Omar F. King, Coatesville R2; Elizabeth, wife of Christ Blank, New Holland R2. Sixty-three grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also survive. In addition the following brothers and sisters survive: David F. Esh, Gordonville R1; Levi F. Esh, Quarryville R3; Emanuel Esh, Ronks R1; Emma, wife of Ben T. Fisher, Gordonville R1; Sallie, wife of John F. Beiler, Paradise R1; Mattie, wife of Joseph S. Fisher, Ronks R2; Stephen Esh Jr., Gordonville R1; Samuel A. Esh, Paradise R1.

Funeral services were held at her home on Monday, November 14, at 9:00, by Stephen Fisher and Stephen Esh, her nephew Michael Stoltzfus read the scripture. Burial was in the Ronks Cemetery.

Herschberger, Steven, 3, Tuscola, Illinois
died November 22 at 8 a.m. at the Burnham City Hospital from an overdose of capsules, he vomited and was taken to the hospital where he died at 8:30 a.m. He is the son of Nelson M. and Clara C. (Bontrager) Herschberger. He was born in Decatur, November 17, 1974. Surviving with his parents are two brothers, Larry and Allen, both at home; paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Menno D. Herschberger of Arthur; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Chris N. Bontrager of Arthur, and great-grandparents Fannie Beachy and Mattie Miller, both of Arthur. One brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the Menno D. Herschberger residence, 8:30 a.m., Friday the 25, by Harley Bontrager, Michigan and Bishop Dan A. Miller, in the little house by Andy Herschberger and Marvin Otto, Howard Co., Indiana, and Steve Kauffman. Pallbearers were Jacob D. Schrock, Elmer L. Miller, Kenneth S. Kauffman, and John R. Yoder. Burial was in Otto Cemetery.

Mast, Eli D., 66, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio
died Friday, November 11, from a heart attack. He was found in his shop on an old rocking chair by his wife, Levina. He was born to the late Dan J. and Emma (Miller) Mast April 5, 1911, and was married to Lavina Hershberger, December 25, 1934. He was ordained Deacon in 1945. Surviving with his wife are eight daughters and six sons:Mrs. William (Clara)Kuhns; Mrs. Melvin W. (Amanda) Yoder, Mount Hope; Mrs. Eddie (Emma) Kline, and Mrs. Allen (Esther) Miller of Millersburg; Mrs. Eli J. (Katie) Troyer and Mrs. Jonas (Ada) Stutzman of Fredericksburg; Mrs Dan J. (Susie) Troyer of Shreve; Mrs. Roy A. (Lavina) Yoder of Apple Creek) Dan E. of Apple Creek; Atlee E., Eli E., Levi E., all of Fredericksburg; Irvin E. of Dundee; Aden of the home. 71 grandchildren, 4 sisters; Mrs. Eli C. (Susie) Miller Fredericksburg Mrs. Dan J. L. (Emma) Schlabach; Mrs. Sol (Ada) Yoder of Fredericksburg; Mrs. Aden (Fannie) Kiem of Mount Hope; and 4 brothers; Andy D. and Dan D. of Fredericksburg; Aden D. of Apple Creek; and Abe of Sarasota, Florida.

Funeral services were held at the Jonas J. Miller residence, Monday, November 14, by Bishop Amos S. Miller. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

Miller, Anna, 86, Grove City, Minnesota
died November 2, at the home of her daughter, the Amos J. Yoders, where she had been staying the last year. She was married to the late Adam Miller who was killed by a hit and run driver in 1963.

Funeral services were held at the Glen Beachy residence in Johnson County, Iowa, on November 5, by Bishop Henry B. Miller, Morris Miller and Morris Swartzentruber. Burial was in the Peter Miller Cemetery.

Miller, Eli, 83, Frederickeburg R2, Ohio
died Sunday morning, November 27, from a heart attack after being in failing health several months. He was born November 8, 1894 to Joni and Katie (Hershberger) Miller in Holmes County. He was married to Barbara Troyer on December 25, 1918, who preceded him in death May 25, 1969. He was re-married to Lydia (Hochstetler) (Stutzman) Miller. He is survived by his wife with the following: one daughter, Mrs. Jacob R. (Fannie) Troyer of Fredericksburg; 4 step daughters, Mrs. Atlee (Emma) Yoder of Dundee; Mrs. Elmer (Anna) Wengerd of Millersburg; Mrs. Crist J. (Susie) Miller of Dalton and Mrs. John J. C. (Mattie) Miller of Fredericksburg; one son, Sanford Miller of the home; one step son George Stutzman of Orrville; 15 grandchildren, 44 step grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 45 step great-grandchildren; 11 brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held November 30, at the home by Bishop Amos Miller. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

Schrock, Olen E, 18, Haven, Kansas
died November 5, at the age of 18 years, 8 months and 23 days. He died from acute lymphacytic leukemia after being ill 22 months. On January 20, he was admitted to the St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, for the first time in these 22 months of illness, he was admitted 7 times and on October 29 he was admitted for the last time, and spent his last 8 days there with much suffering. Acute leukemia was found which caused him many sick days. It was hard to accept that he has this uncurable disease, but he endured it all faithfully and prayerfully having a great desire to get well, but submitted himself to the will of his Saviour. He will be greatly missed by the family and the community, and had many friends. He was the son of Enos E. and Ida (Bontrager) Schrock, and was born February 13, 1959. Surviving with his father and mother are 4 brothers, William E. married to Norma (Zehr), Eli Jay married to Connie (Carmin), Robert married to Velma(Miller), and Floyd married to Betty Sue (Esch) all of Haven; 3 sisters Mrs. Alvin L. (Fannie) Miller of Haven, Mrs. Fred W. (Sara Ann) Yutzy of Jamesport, Missouri, Mrs. Mervin J. (Treva) Headings of Hutchinson. 18 nephews, 11 nieces, 5 uncles and 9 aunts and a host of cousins. Preceding him in death are both grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Eli S. Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Bontrager and one nephew Terry, son of Robert and Velma Schrock. Olen was a member of the Old Order Amish church and lived in Haven Community with his parents all his life.

Funeral services were held Tuesday p.m. November 8, at the home by Bishop Jonas P. Bontrager and Minister Sam J. Yoder in german and Reverend Andrew A. Bontrager in english in the house and Bishop Ferman Troyer of Jamesport, Missouri, and Minister Samuel T. Petersheim in german and Reverend Calvin King in english in the shed.

Smucker, Rebecca E., 87, Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania
died Tuesday at 6:15 a.m. at the home of her daughter, Mary, with whom she resided for the past 15 years. She was sickly since January with several strokes and heart failures, which eventually affected her mind and walk. She was the widow of Samuel B. Smucker, who died in 1962. She was born in Narvon, and was a daughter of the late Daniel and Mattie Esh Stoltzfus. She is survived by the following children: Mary, wife of John F. King, with whom she resided; Eli S. Smucker, Atglen R1; Daniel S. Smucker, Ronks R1; John S. Smucker, Lancaster; Priscilla, wife

Mercer Co., Pennsylvania, by Dan J. Troyer

November was mostly cloudy and not very cold. We had quite a lot of rain and some snow on the 12. The coldest was 17 degrees. Last year the last day of November it was zero.Corn husking is mostly done with cribs full.

Crawford Co., Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Fisher

The first week in November was unseasonably nice and warm. On the 5 it was 70 degrees in the shade, and the children ran barefoot. The rest of the month we had very little sunshine and only one real nice day. On the 11, 12, & 13 it snowed 8 - 10 inches, then it was rainy and cloudy until the last weekend we had a foot of wet snow. The last 2 days it warmed up again and ended the month with an all day drizzle and all night rain, melting practically all the snow. the men are hauling manure and cutting wood when weather permits.

Norfolk, New York, by Jerry T. Schwartz

Our first measureable snowfall was on the 13, with 2 inches. Winter arrived suddenly about the last of the month with about 6 - 8 inches of snow and temperatures down to 3 below one morning. The air is damp this morning with a little rain. The farmers are still husking corn.

Holmes Co., Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

We had moist weather and a few snow flurries on the 10, and snow all day on the 14. On Thanksgiving day it was cloudy and misty. On the 27, it snowed and blew, and the temperature was 12 ees above. A lot of wood was gathered in the last few weeks. Deer season has begun today, and hunting spirit is high. Deer seem to be plentiful as quite a few have been hit by cars. Stomach flu is making its rounds. A lot of corn is yet to be husked. The ground is covered with a nice blanket of snow at the present.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

November has been ideal to gather in the crops. Corn stalks are nearly all husked. Some shock is out yet.

We had some snow in the middle of the month, and also the last Sunday evening of the month, but is all gone again. We had quite a bit of rain the last part of November and the springs are running strong with lots of water. The fields are nice and green yet.

Hog prices are working up again at $45 cwt. Feeder pigs are selling good. There is not much change in cattle prices.

South Eastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

For November we had quite a bit of moisture, with some snow and a few cold snaps, but no zero weather yet. Grass fields are still a nice green, but most cattle are off pasture now. There is still some corn to husk. Farm sales have started. Dairy cattle are selling good. Pig prices are off a little. Corn is advanced some in price, but still a good buy, with not much change in hogs.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

We had a nice fall to harvest crops. The corn was a heavy crop in our area. Late alfalfa was hard to dry. We had approximately 3 inches of rain in October and 4 inches in November. The ground is soaked up. We had our first snow that stayed on the ground on Sunday night just when deer season opened up. There weren't too many shot around here.

Fat cattle and hogs are around $42 cwt. Pigs are cheaper at .60 lb., grain and feed is also cheaper.

Centreville, Michigan, by Mrs. Tobe L. Yoder

November was warm till the 11 when we had snow, but it did not last long, it was then nice till the 25th. It started to snow on the 25 around 5 a.m., and snowed all day and on into the 26 and 27.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

November was moderate the first half of the month. We had very little snow up until around Thanksgiving, when we had 6 - 8 inches. The last of the month is warmed up and rained so that the snow is almost all gone again now. We had a low of around 7 degrees on the morning of the 26. A lot of plowing was done this fall. Farmers are mostly finished husking corn, except for some that is on shocks. Ear corn was selling for $48 per ton out of the field.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

The forepart of the month was warmer than usual with above normal rainfall. The latter half was colder with some snow. We received 5 - 6 inches on the 27.

There is still a lot of corn to husk yet, with some getting a late start, and others waiting on the weather. Corn prices are hovering around $1.80 to $2 a bushel, about .50 less than last year.

Centreville, Michigan, by Treva Yoder

October was a nice month, with some rain and some days we could go out without coats on.

Allen Co., Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

The beginning of November was warm and dreary with temperatures in the 60's. Thanksgivng day was mild at 36 degrees, but till Saturday it dropped to 14 degrees. We also had some snow.

Branch County, Michigan, by Mrs. Noah N. Schwartz

November was mostly a rainy, damp, cloudy month. We had quite a few days with rain in the forenoon and sunny in the afternoon. Since the day after Thanksgiving we have snow on the ground. The lowest temperature was 10 on the 27.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna S. Eash

The first weeks of November were so very nice, sunshiny and warm. The men got the many corn cribs filled with excellent corn. It suddenly turned colder on the 20th and we had rain and some wind. Thanksgiving was somewhat more clear. On the 25 and 26 we had snow which came down fast, but weren't snowbound. It also snowed on the 27. On the 28 and 29 we had some sunshine but on the 30 we had more rain and the snow is disappearing.

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

November 2 was an unusually warm and sunny day at 72 degrees, some even went barefoot. It started getting colder on the 10 and by the 11 it was snowing and on the morning of the 12 we had 5 inches. Most of the next week it was raining in the morning and then cleared off in the afternoon. Most people are finished corn husking, and the women are butchering and canning chickens. We had showers and cloudy weather most of the week of Thanksgiving with temperature around freezing. On the 27 we had an all day snow with 5 - 6 inches, and the 30 an all day rain.

Napanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

We had much damp chilly weather in November, although it only rained about an inch. The ground seemed to stay too wet and soft for corn husking and soy bean harvesting most of the time. We had our first snow for this fall on the 11, then by the next morning there was close to 5 inches on the ground. This was soon gone and on the 26 we had 7 inches more and some of that is still on the ground. The average snow fall for this area in November is 3 inches, and the average temperature is 40. Our lowest daytime reading was 12 on the 29, and dropped down to 2 above at 10:00 p.m. on the 26, but was back up to 15 by the next morning. Our highest was 72 on the 2. We had some rain with quite a bit of thunder and lightening on the morning of the 11. There is still quite a bit of corn in the fields and a surprising amount of soy beans for this time of year due to damp weather and soft fields. We had two all sunny days and 14 all cloudy. Grain prices seem to be edging up a little.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

The weather in November has been rather on the wet side. We had about 4 inches of rain. Corn and bean harvest has been delayed and there is still a little corn to harvest. We have had a little snow and two mornings it was close to zero. There is still a little snow on the ground.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

November was a wet month. There are still some soy beans in the fields that will probably stay there till we have a hard freeze. Fall plowing was also hampered and will probably wait until spring. On the 26 we woke up to a chilly 13 degrees and windy, and the 27 we had over an inch of snow, but it melted the next day. Cutting firewood and getting buildings ready for winter is the order of the day.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

November had lots of rain, and some sunny weather. We had some thunder showers, and a total rainfall of 11.8 inches. The lowest temperature was 17 and the highest 70. Late sown wheat, oats and pasture has greened up very nicely. The corn is in, which was not as good a yield as usual. Tobacco also has up and down prices due to poor grades. Hog and cattle may still be a little on the upward trend.

Johnson County, by Mrs. Monroe Hershberger

November brought us 3.5 inches of rain, mostly in the first half of the month. Many cloudy, damp days, and some unmeasureable showers. The night of the 26 brought our first snow, but did not cover the ground. Although it was down in the 20's and cold enough to lay for several days.

It was too wet to do much fall plowing this fall. Fall gardens produced abundantly. One family had lots of mild and solid Chinese cabbage, it took only one head to fit nicely into a large grocery bag. There was plenty to share with the rest of us.

Audrian County, by Samuel D. Beachy

October and November were both quite wet, which made it difficult to harvest corn and beans. We also had some nice weather when the ground settled some. Most of the crops were harvested at the end of November with fair to good yields. Very little wheat was sown.

We had no hard frost until the 12 of November, then after Thanksgiving Day it turned to winter, and was down to zero several mornings. We also had 6 inches of snow.

Webster County, Missouri, by Ruben Yoder

November started in very foggy the first 10 days, but cleared off with a hard frost on the 17. We had enough sunshine to make some hay. On the 26 the mercury slipped to 10 degrees then warmed up and had freezing rain during the night. We also had some snow on the 30.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

We had a lot of moisture in the beginning of October, and some areas very wet. In the middle we had nice harvesting, and the latter part was wet.

Crops yielded good, and there are still quite a bit of beans and corn out yet. Milo is mostly harvested and not much wheat is sowed.

Reno County, [Haven] Kansas, by Mrs. E. E. Schrock

Most of the milo is harvested, and was an excellent crop. We've had a lot of cloudy and damp weather. We had a hard frost the latter part of the month.

Reno County, [Partridge] Kansas, by Edward A. Mast

The month of November had many pleasant days. We had several inches of rain the first week, but no measureable moisture since. We had our first killing frost around the 17. A lot of milo was cut between the 15 and 25 and high yields were reported, some places over 100 bushel per acre. The average being around 75 or 80. Moisture tests were too high to store on the farm, and with large yields most elevators were full at one time, creating a storage problem, but as they dry and ship out to larger cities, storage is available again.

Johnson Co., Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

There is still some corn out and possibly a few beans because of our wet fall. Beans were real good, while corn was hardly an average crop. The hay crop was good and pastures as well, till just lately. We've had a mild fall, but on the 25 the temperature went down to 5 below and 10 below on Saturday morning. So winter is here with 3 inches of snow.

Bloomfield, Iowa, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

Our year was exceptionally dry until August, then the rains came and we have had a very wet fall, and very little harvesting could be done until the ground froze enough after Thanksgiving. Frosts were late, but water froze a few mornings before we had a hard frost. A few tomatoes were gathered the first week in November. The ground was whitened with a little snow on the 25 and was 30 on the 26, but soon moderated. Tracks were put on some of the self propell combines so beans could be harvested inspite of the mud, so the fields are cut up pretty badly.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

We had around an inch of rain for the month of November, also a heavy snow during the night of the 23 totaling 6 inches. We had 4 inches on the 25 and 2 on the 27. The coldest was 20 below on the 26, also 1 below on the 24 and 9 below on the 28. A few have corn to pick yet, also some shredding to do. Winter is here with a nice covering of snow.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

The first 2 weeks in November were mild, but turned colder after the 15 with a little snow now and then. The 23 we had several inches of snow, and on the 26 it was 20 below. We had more snow on the 27, and 12 below on the 28.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

The first 10 days in November were damp and foggy. We had around 5 inches of rain total. We had a cool spell on the 11 and 12. Then it was nice for a week and went up to 60 for a couple days. We had a cold spell again on the 26 when the temperature went down to 10 below. We also had around 10 inches of snow on the level by the last of the month.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

We had a nice November with a few light snows the last half of the month. The day before Thanksgiving we had a nice blanket of 4.5 inches. On the following Sunday we had an all day snow again, since then we had several light snows. On the night of the 20 we had a very strong wind. The coldest we had for the month was 10 below. Milk prices are gradually rising. Deer season is open, but not very many were lucky enough to get one.

Chetek, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Henry Lehman

Our November was damp and rainy with lots of fog. The coldest so far was 14 below which was just before full moon. Our first snow flurries came the first part of October, but was gone right away. The first snow to stay was the 24 of November. The 27, it snowed all day with around 7 inches. Milk is 9.20 a hundred this month.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

October 2 we had our first frost. A lot of silo filling was done in October yet because of wet weather. We had rain off and on all month. Plowing is being done.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss H. Stutzman

We had a mild November with plenty of moisture and a few light snows till the 25 when we had 6 inches snow and colder around 20 below on the 26. By the last of the month there was a foot of snow on the ground.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock Sr.

November had sunshine, rain, snow, wind, warm, and cold weather. We have a nice blanket of snow on the ground. Its nice winter weather. Yesterday morning it was 28. The work among the men is carpenter work, choring, and cutting wood. Some went hunting for deer, and a few were successful.

Utica, Minnesota, by Atlee J. Shetler

The first 2 weeks of November were foggy and damp and temperatures were in the upper 20's. On the 19 it rained and turned colder and was real stormy on the 20. The night of the 22 we got 3 inches of snow and it turned much colder. By the 25 we had 12 below and then it warmed up again by the 27. We had 6 to 8 inches of snow and temperature is up to 26 above.

St Mary's, Ontario, by Abe Hochstetler

November brought plenty of moisture in rain and snow. We had 4 - 5 inches of snow around the 12, with low temperature of 17 degrees. We had more snow on the week end of the 26. There is still some corn out, but most of the plowing is done. The corn is $70 per metric ton. Cattle and hog prices are mostly steady, but dairy cattle are down.

Grey County, by Jacob C. Hershberger

The first week of November we had nice fall weather. Then it turned wet again with some snow and freezing temperature. On the 27 it dropped 13 above zero.

TO RECALL A FEW MEMORIES OF THE PAST

(continued from last month)

(181) Christian King (172) born 1837, died 1902, married to Elizabeth Beiler, born 1839, in Union County, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Hertzler) Beiler, They also lived in the Upper Pequea district and had five children namely; (182) Nancy King (181) born 1867, married to David Blank, minister in the Groffdale District. (183) Catherine King (181) born 1869, married to Jacob Kauffman. (184) Jacob King, born 1872, married to Fannie Fisher of the Upper Pequea District. (184.1) Christian King (181) born 1875, married to Sarah Fisher, and secondly to Elizabeth Fisher, daughter of Henry Fisher. Christian was ordained minister in the Upper Pequea District in 1919. (185) Stephen King (181) born 1883, married to Annie Riehl. She is the only one of this King family living at the present time and is residing with her daughter Katie, married to Joe D. Byler at Dover, Delaware.

(186) Benjamin King (172) born 1839, died 1912, married to Catherine Stoltzfus, daughter of Elias and Betsie (Kurtz) Stoltzfus. Their children are (187) Christian King (186) born 1870, married to Mollie Lapp, daughter of Joshua and Mary Lapp. They were of the Upper Millcreek District. There are several of their grandsons in the ministry. (188) Aaron King (186) born 1872, married to Lydia Fisher, daughter of Joel and Elizabeth Fisher, and secondly to Susie Zook, widow of Jospeh Beiler, and thirdly to Annie M. Beiler. A son of this family is Earl King who is a carpenter and contractor at the present time. (189) Amos C. King (186) born 1874, married first to Katie Stoltzfus, daughter of Jonas and Catherine (Mast) Stoltzfus, and secondly to Katie (Stoltzfus) Lapp, widow of Samuel Lapp. They lived about two miles north of Leola where their grandson, Elam K. King now lives. (190) Rebecca King (186) born 1876, married to Amos J. Stoltzfus of Morgantown, son of Jonas and Catherine (Mast) Stoltzfus. Amos J. married his second wife, Betsie Speiker, widow of Eli Petersheim. They lived on the Bishop John U. Stoltzfus farm near Morgantown. (191) Moses King (186) born 1880, married to Ida Beiler, daughter of John C. Beiler. They with their family lived in the vicinity of Honey Brook.

(192) Samuel S. King (172) born 1841, died 1900, married to Barbara Zook, daughter of Bishop Eli and Rebecca (Lapp) Zook, they had one son, Eli Z. King, born 1866, married to Annie Roth from Canada. There were no children born from this union, therefore there are no descendants from this Samuel King family.

(193) Catherine King (172) born 1847, died 1878, married to David Yoder, born in Juniata County, in 1842, and known by some as Dixie Dave Yoder, in order to distinguish him from some other Dave Yoders. He was a son of David and Mary (Yoder) Yoder of Juniata County. After their marriage they lived in Lancaster County, and most of their time in Caernarvon Township. David Yoder married secondly to Aarie Zook, widow of Shem Zook of Mifflin County. To the first marriage were born six daughters as follows: (194) Elizabeth Yoder (193) married Bishop John Beiler of Groffdale. He married secondly to Betsie Augsburger. (195) Anna Yoder (193) married Isaac Glick. No children were born to this union. (196(Mary Yoder (193) married to Samuel Rouss. (197) Katie Yoder (193) born 1875, married to Bishop Henry Lapp of the Millcreek District. He married secondly to Annie King. (198) Susanna Yoder (193) born 1877, married to Jacob B. Smucker. He married secondly to Nancy Blank, widow of Jacob King.

The second child of John and Barbara (Fisher) King was (199) John King Jr. (172) born 1804, died 1831 at twenty seven years of age, married to Elizabeth Stoltzfus, daughter of Christian and Anna (Blank) Stoltzfus. This was also a Lancaster County family and lived on the farm north of Gordonville where Levi L. Fishers now live, till the spring of 1831, when they moved to Groffdale, it being the time when the two farms of Emanuel and John Lapp were divided and were in the progress of building a house when John King became sick and died. In those days the science of preserving dead bodies was not in practice by embalming, so when John King died in 1831, a day was set for the funeral. However, due to certain circumstances his body demanded an immediate burial and was buried at nighttime in the corner of an orchard. This was the beginning of a new cemetery which is still in use today, and is known as the Groffdale Cemetery. To them were born four children as follows: (200) Susie King (199) born 1821, married to John Kauffman, son of Samuel and Sarah (Lapp) Kauffman. They lived on the farm north of Gordonville where John B. Stoltzfus now lives. Their children were (201) Elizabeth Kauffman (200) married to John S. Fisher who were the grandparents of minister John S. Fisher of the Upper Pequea District and Deacon John Fisher of Groffdale. (202) Sarah Kauffman (200) married to Joseph Beiler. (203) Eli Kauffman (200) married Mary Smoker. Ther were the parents of Amos L. Kauffman who was the proprietor of the Kauffman Fruit Farms of Bird-in-Hand. (204) Jacob Kauffman (200) married to Fannie Smoker. (205) Susan Kauffman (200) married to John Fisher son of Christian and Rachel (Smucker) Fisher. They lived on the farm now owned by Aquilla Smucker. There were no children born to this union . Susan spent many years on a wheel chair due to being an arthritis patient. John, her husband known by many as "Jim" Fisher spent the last years of his life in the County Home due to being somewhat mentally deranged.

The second child of John and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) King was (206) Christian King (199) born 1827, died 1912, married to Mary Stoltzfus, daughter of Christian and Susan (Lantz) Stoltzfus of Union County. According to dates, Christian King must have married in Union County where they started housekeeping and farmed the farm where the Penitentiary and the Bucknell University now stands, west of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Here Christian King was ordained to the ministry in 1856, his father-in-law was the Deacon and his uncle Elias Riehl was bishop. Due to some disunity in the church, Christian King with his family moved back to Lancaster County in 1880, and in 1882, he was ordained bishop in the Middle Pequea District where he was known by many as "Der Ald Christol Koenig". They lived on the farm now owned by Bishop Enos Esh south of Intercourse. To them were born eleven children, three died and are buried in Union County, better known as The Buffalo Valley. The rest of the children all lived and died in Lancaster County. They are (207) John King (206) married to Mattie King, daughter of Abraham and Susan (Stoltzfus) King. They had only one surviving son who was named Abraham King. He married first to Rebecca Esh, and secondly to Mary (Riehl) (Stoltzfus), and thirdly to Susie (Fisher) (Beiler). (208) Susie King (206) born 1857 became the second wife of Benjamin Fisher, the father of the late Deacon Menno B. Fisher. (209) Benjamin King (206) married to Nancy King, daughter of Abraham and Susan (Stoltzfus) King. Their oldest dauther, Mary King, married to Joas Yoder of Mifflin County. Another daughter, Susan King, married to Jacob L. Stoltzfus whose grandson, Samuel E. Stoltzfus is minister in the South Whith Horse District. Another grandson of Benjamin King above is Benjamin King of Quarryville, who is a Budget scribe. (210) Mattie King (206) (see No. 226 of this article(born 1864, married to David King, son of David and Mary (Stoltzfus) King. They lived on the farm owned by their son, Samuel King, several miles north of Intercourse. Here at one time David operated a sawmill and was know by many as "sawmill Davie King" to distinguish him from several other David Kings. (211) Henry King (206) born 1866, in Union County, married to Elizabeth Blank, daughter of Christian Y. and Seena (Umble) Blank. There were no children born to this union. Elizabeth died in 1899, and in December of 1900, Henry married Barbara Hostetler, daughter of Elias and Mariah (Stevanus) Hostetler of Somerset County. They also lived several years in Somerset and then moved to Lancaster County, where Henry King died in 1931. Barbara (Hostetler) King then married to Daniel K. Smoker. The King sisters who have the greenhouse along the railroad near Irishtown are the children of Henry King. (212) Jacob King (206) bory 1867, in Union County, married to Lydia K. Esh, daughter of Christian and Rachel (King) Esh. There is a large offspring of this family in Lancaster County. Bishop David Blank and Minister Jacob S. King of the Upper Millcreek District are grandsons, the late Jacob S. King of Honey Brook was also a grandson. Deacon Eli Beiler of Centre County is a great-grandson.

The third child of John King was (213) Anna King (199) born 1829, in Lancaster County, married to Jacob Stoltzfus, son of Deacon Christian Stoltzfus of Union County. They also lived in Union County where Jacob died on March 21, 1885. In the old diaries of Elias B. Riehl he writes that old Jacob Stoltzfus was found along the road dying from a heart attack. To them were born ten children. One or two died and are buried in Union County. The oldest being (214) Susan Stoltzfus (213) born 1851, married to Gideon Diener, son of Andres Diener who was born in France. Their oldest daughter, Nancy Diener, married to Gideon Riehl who in turn were the parents of minister Ephraim and Levi Riehl of Lancaster County. (215) Gideon Diener Jr. (214) married to Sarah Stoltzfus and lived on the farm east of the Millwood Church where their son, minister Daniel Diener now lives. (216) Isaac K. Stoltzfus (213) born 1855, in the Buffalo Valley in Union county and moved to Lancaster County and was known by many as "Buffalo Ike". He married Elizabeth Beiler, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Hertzler) Beiler of Lancaster County. Aaron B. Stoltzfus of Ronks R1, and Ammon Stoltzfus of Bird-in-Hand are their children. (217) John K. Stoltzfus (213) born 1859, in Union county, married to Barbara Glick, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Yoder) Glick of Union and later of Mifflin County. They moved to Gap, Pennsylvania, and were members of the Millwood Mennonite Church. (218) Benjamin K. Stoltzfus (213) born 1862 in Union County, married Nancy Hertzler, daughter of John and Fannie Hertzler of Mifflin County. Benjamin married secondly to Mary Riehl of Port Royal, Juniata County. They also lived at the Gap where he was a plumber and engineer. (219) Jacob K. Stoltzfus Jr. (213) born 1865 in Union County, died single in Lancaster County, where he was a printer. (220) Simeon Stoltzfus (213) born 1866, in Union County, married to Cahterine B. Glick, daughter of John and Sarah (Hertzler) Glick. They also moved to Lancaster County as Mennonites. (221) Menno K. Stoltzfus (213) born 1868 in Union County, married to Elizabeth Byler, who was born in Mifflin County. They also moved to Lancaster County and had three sons: Enos married to Anna Yoder of Mifflin County, Jonathan married to Elsie Blank, and Menno Simeon married to Mary Martin. He was minister in the Millwood Mennonite Church and later of the Eastern Conference. (222) Nancy K. Stoltzfus (213) born 1872 in Union County, married to Jacob M. Stoltzfus of Lancaster County. He was known to many as "Rote" Jake Stoltzfus of near Monterey. This was the last Amish couple to marry in Union County. It was at this time in 1892 that a few Amish Bishops and a few ministers went toUnion County, (The Buffalo Valley) to perform the wedding ceremony and also to hold communion to the few remaining Amish families. It was on this occasion that the last Amish church services were held in the Buffalo Valley. Jacob and Nancy Stoltzfus moved to Lancaster County, and in the schism in 1911, they joined the Amish Mennonite church at Weavertown. To them were born two children: Emma born 1897, died 1956 single, and Clarence married to Barbara Arment.

The fourth child of John and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) King was (223) Catherine or Kate King (199) born May 7, 1832. If our dates are correct she must have been born after her father died as her father died in the late summer of 1831. She married to Jacob Beiler, son of Hannes and Elizabeth (Lapp) Beiler of Union County. The record of this family appeared in August 1977 issue of the "Diary" on page 190.

After the death of John King in 1831, Christian and Anna Stoltzfus the parents of widow Elizabeth King built a house on their own property located about two hundred yards south of the present Israel Swarey farm about two miles south ofBarevillefor the widow and her four children. The house is still standing today. It was at

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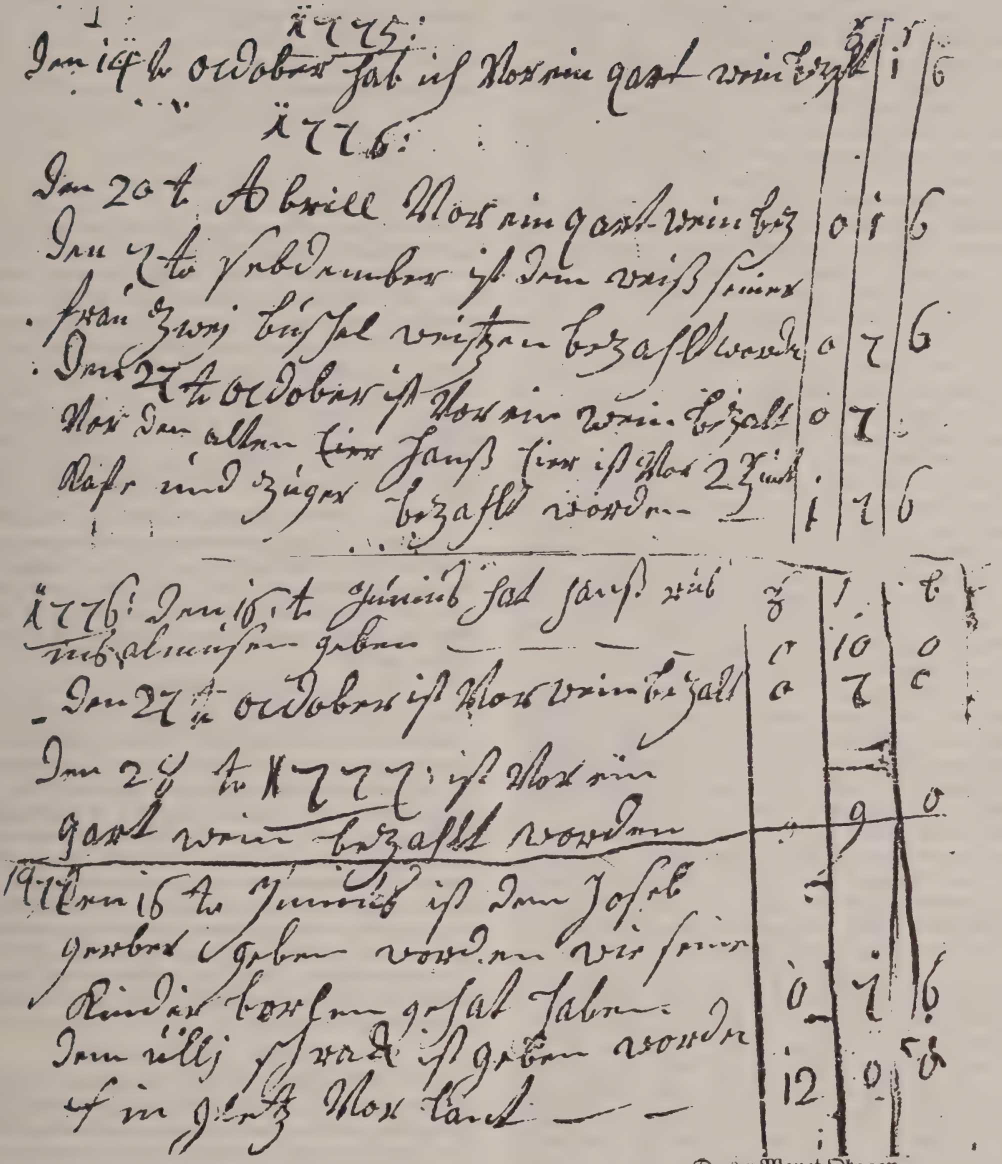

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Uberholen von October wehen etliche drukfehler

1774

Den 1 May hat Hanſz ins almoſen geben = 5 ſhilling
Den 12 Junis hat Joſzt Hoſt ? ins almoſen geben = 1 ſhilling, 10 brntz
Den 1 November hat Hanſz Blank geben inbs Almoſen 5 ſhilling

1775

Den 29 Jenner Hat Hanſz rub (P) ins almoſen geben die einnahmſt = 5 ſhilling
1775 iſt vom Hans Lantz ein Kommen von wegen den ſee praiz = 3 pfund

Deiſer Monet Obenan

1775

Den 14tn Ocdober hab ich vor ein gart wein bezahlt 1 ſhilling 6 benz

1776

Den 20 Abrill vor ein gart wein bezahlt = 1 ſhilling 6 benz
Den 7tn Sebbember iſt dem Tſt Dem Weiſz ? ſeinerfrau zwei buſchewl weitzen bezahlt worden = 7 ſhilling, 6 bentz
Den 27tn Ocdober iſt Vor ein gart wein bezahlt = 7 ſhilling
Vor den alten Hanſz Eier ? iſt vor Raſter und Zuger bezahlt worden = 1 pfund, 7 ſhillings 6 bentz
1776 den 16tn Juniſhat "Hans rub (P) ins almoſen geben 1 ſhilling
Den 27tn October Tſt vor wein bezahlt = 10 ſhilling
Den 28 tn 1777 iſt vor ein gart wein bezahlt worden = 9 ſhilling
1777 Den 16tn Junis iſt den Joſeb Gerber geben worden vir ſeine Kindergehalt haben = 7 ſhilling 6 benz
Den Ulli Scrak iſt geben worden uf ? in Glatz Vor Lant = 12 pfund

the time she was living here that a single man by the name of Henry Lantz came from Mifflin County whose parents, Henry and Sarah (Hertzler) Lantz had died when he was between one and two years old. Some say that Henry Lantz farmed the Lantz farm now occupied by Amos Lantz son of Isaac Lantz, about two miles south of Bareville, when he was single. To the writer it is not sure, but we do know that he came from Mifflin County, and married the widow Elizabeth King and occupied the above mentioned Lantz farm and is in the Lantz family ever since. To thei union were born threc children as follows: Benjamin Lantz, minister and bishop, married to Susanna Lapp; Rebecca Lantz married to Michael Lapp and secondly to Jacob Stoltzfus; Elizabeth Lantz married to Deacon Isaac Lapp.

Next on the list of children of John and Barbara (Fisher) King was (224) Benjamin King (172) born June 28, 1806, died June 16, 1861, married to Barbara Stoltzfus, daughter of Christian and Anna (Blank) Stoltzfus. To this union were born one infant son February 11, 1830, and Barbara. His wife died on November 1830. Tradition says as was often repeated by Benjamin King to his children in later years, that after the loss of his companion he felt rather unfortunate and somewhat depressed. He finally appointed a day to seek a new companion, he mounted a horse and started out for a 130 mile journey through a section which was much timbered at that time, to Mifflin County. Upon arriving at Reedesville and not knowing the exact location of his destination, his thoughts were again immersed in a deep and spiritual meditation, and he submitted himself to the will of his horse by dropping the reins. The horse immediately turned to the direction of the David Zook farm, who lived in the vicinity of Belleville. Upon arriving at the Zook home and after some discussion one of the girls named Lydia who was only seventeen years old agreed to his will and they were later married. She was born in 1814, and started housekeeping in Lancaster on the farm along Route 30, south of Ronks where Jacob Swarey now lives. Barbara the wife of Jacob is a great-grandchild. To Benjamin and Lydia (Zook) King were born twelve children. But again in 186l another misfortune befell this family, as in that year was the beginning of the Civil War, and a severe outbreak of Typhoid fever broke out in the country. The Benjamin King family were some of the victims. According to records, Lydia wife of Benjamin, was the first one to take sick and die. She died on April 25, 1861, at the age of 46 years. Next was Benjamin himself on June 16, 1861, at the age of 54 years. Catherine King a daughter died on August 4, 1861, age 25 years; Salome King died August 15, 1861, age 3 years; David King the oldest in the family and married to Mary Stoltzfus, died August 18, 1861, age 28. They had a child, Benjamin King who died August 28, 1861, at twenty months of age. Six out of one family was victim of typhoid fever in four months time.

As mentioned above (225) David King (224) was the oldest in the family and married to Mary Stoltzfus, daughter of John and Mary (Mast) Stoltzfus. At the time of David's death on August 18, 1861, they only had the one son, Benjamin who died August 28, 1861, but the mother had another son after her husband died, also named (226) David King (225) born November 18, 1861, married to Mattie King, (see No. 210 of this same article).

Amos L. Fisher

Is The Lad Going Up With Us?

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"For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me?" (Genesis 44:34).

I have never seen a word written upon this subject. I have only spoken on it one time. But the subject is thought-provoking. Are we saving our children? There is not a more serious subject that faces the church world today. Is the lad going up to the Father with us?

Jacob loved his twelve sons. This is shown in the passage, Genesis 43:14—"If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved." He is saying with every true parent that there is nothing on earth that cuts to the heart like having a child out of the fold of Christ.

No Complete Happiness with a Child Lost

The late Dr. George Stuart once said that there could be no complete happiness in any home as long as there was one child who was not a Christian. A sacred writer says that it is up to the fathers to teach God's law to the children. The greatest responsibility on earth is that of being a parent!

Jacob Loved Joseph

Jacob loved Joseph, it seems, with a little more tenderness than he did any of his other sons. This is always a dangerous position to take. Joseph was hated by his brothers and sold into slavery. One brother thought enough of him to save him from being put to death. Genesis 39:6 says, "And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured." He was finally placed in prison, and escaped the traps set by a wicked woman. He lost his coat, but saved his character. He said, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" He did his work so well while in prison that he got this word of commendation, "But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison."

Joseph Made Governor

It is God's business to work out perplexing problems of His children. King Pharaoh was in trouble. He said, "Joseph—there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt."

Famine in the Land

Seven years of dearth came upon the people. But in Egypt there was bread. Jacob sent his sons to get corn. Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold corn unto the Egyptians. His brothers came and bowed down asking for corn. He knew, as governor of the land, the strange faces from Canaan. But they did not recognize him. He told them to go back to their father and bring the youngest son with them, and then they could see his face again.

Jacob Brokenhearted

When the old father was told that he would have to give up Benjamin, he said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone; if mischief befall him by the way in which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave."

But Benjamin, the youngest son, was taken, The old father had lost, as he thought, Joseph. He also said, "Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away." How his poor heart must have been cut to the deepest depths as they took the last boy from the old home place! There is nothing on earth so sad as the leaving of a child from the old hearthstone, and going out away from the parental roof.

A Brother Pleads for Benjamin

Judah made a heart plea for his brother Benjamin. He said that his father had his life bound up in the lad's life. And, as Judah stood pleading for Benjamin to go back with him, he said, "I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren."

Then comes one of the most dramatic texts that can be found in sacred literature: "For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me?" He is saying that it would break his old father's heart for him to go back and the youngest son not be with him. "If I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved," said the father, Jacob. The plea by the brother for Benjamin touched the heart of the governor, Joseph. He wept. He then made himself known to his brethren.

A Great Day for the Jacob Family

Joseph wanted to know if his old father was yet alive. He then reminded them that God had sent him to preserve a posterity in the earth, and to save their lives by a great deliverance. "It was not you that sent me hither, but God." What if every Christian would look upon everything that God permits to come into his life as Joseph did? Joseph fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept.

"And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die." What a meeting that must have been! The Bible says that when they met, Joseph wept on the neck of the father for a good while.

Why Are the Lads Not Going Up with Us?

Because of the conditions: Thirty-six millions of American youth are outside the house of God. Thirteen million children under the age of thirteen are not receiving any kind of religious instruction. Six million listed criminals have an average age of eighteen years. A church editor has said that society is so rotten that hell is embarrassed, if such a thing is possible. There are more criminals among our youth than we have in all the schools of our country. The darkest cloud on our national horizon is in the fact that we are not taking the lads of this nation up to the Father's house with us.

Our lads did not bring this condition; they inherited it. They are to be pitied far more than censured. Sodom and Gomorrah are turned loose upon this nation among our youth. I say this after traveling in every state in the Union, at the rate of 40,000 miles a year for nearly twenty years. Our hotels are a seething mass of filth and pollution, with licentiousness turned in like a flood upon our so-called Christian civilization. Our streets on Saturday nights are more like a heathen land than a cultured America.

Literature: We are now publishing fifteen millions of dirty sex and detective story magazines every thirty days. Eighty-five per cent of this is so rotten that our government will not permit it to be sent through the mails. It has to be shipped by truck or express. I counted twenty-two different magazines on one news-rack that were not decent to look upon, to say nothing of youth's reading the contents. Youth cannot read the filth that is coming from the publishing interests of these dirty publications and remain pure and virtuous, to say nothing of living a Christian life. What one reads will soon become a part of his nature and character. Nude pictures, suggestive poetry and stories, indecent, unbecoming to noble living, mark the pages of millions of our publications. Like a time in sacred writ, there should be a burning of tens of thousands of this unclean literature now filling our newsstands every week.

Drunkenness: We have now become a nation of whiskey drinkers. Fifty millions of our population above the age of fifteen are using liquor. Tens of thousands of our boys and girls below this age are spending their money for this poison that is a home breader, a defiler of manhood and womanhood, and a destroyer of all that is highest and best in human personality. Millions who once looked upon wine as a mocker and strong drink as raging now drink with no more conscientious scruples in the matter than if they were not in the same land or of the same nationality. The conscience of our people has been abused, seared over as with a hot iron, until church people drink with as much ease as though they were going on a picnic. One leading church in the South, along with hundreds of others all over the nation, has turned the Sunday night meetings into a social program that includes dancing, beer drinking, cards, and such like, that could not have a worse influence upon its youth if it were running a social club of some kind. Hell hath enlarged itself in these perilous days. The lads are not going up to the Father with us. They are cursed with a society that equals the days when boys were sold for wine and girls were marketed like cattle upon the streets.

Immorality: Six million cases of social diseases have registered with reputable physicians in our nation. And the author of this statement, a medical doctor, says that probably twice this number are socially deseased who are under quack doctors and have home remedies. The editor of a great Southern daily says that out of the first two and a quarter million boys drafted in World War II, 45.3 per cent were socially diseased. Gene Tunney said in an article in the *Reader's Digest* that we lost 100,000 more boys after World War I through social diseases than we lost by bullets. He verified these facts to the writer in a personal letter.

One hundred thousand nameless babies are born in our civilization every year, diseased, half-damned, and cursed before birth. There is a reason why the lads are not going up to the Father with us. It is not difficult to see that youth will not be interested in vital Christianity when they are living in open sin and cursed with vulgarity, low-living, impurity, and indecency. One would not have to be a philosopher to see that such characters naturally would have but little interest in the house of God. Half-dressed characters, loose morals, and familiarity almost unheard of in my formative years have cursed us beyond words to express. There was a time in Bible days when loose characters were stoned to death, in order to save the purity of the race. But not so now. They are among the leaders in society.

The liquor bill is now 7,000,000,000 annually. There are two saloons for every church, and five saloons for every schoolhouse in our country. Fifty million dollars was spent last year by the whiskey crowd to advertise their business. The liquor interests will have to answer to their part in a business that is keeping millions of our youth from going up to the Father's house with us.

The dance, says Mr. Faulkner, former dancing master, is the cause of the downfall of 75 per cent of American girls who have lost their way. The movies, with 77,000,000 in attendance weekly, have their part to play in the youth not going up to the Father's house with us.

Announcement has just been made that delinquency among the girls of our country has increased 200 per cent since 1939. Well, we need not be surprised! The mills of the gods grind slowly, but surely. We have sown to the wind and are now reaping the whirlwind. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Harvesttime is upon us as a nation.

A Passionless and Unconcerned Church

The late Billy Sunday said that the church life of America is at the lowest ebb it has been since the dawn of our civilization. He said he made this statement after speaking to 80,000,000 of people. A great divine said that the average church does not need God to do what it is doing. Only the human element is necessary to accomplish what is being done. The Church stands helpless in a crisis that is as great as any the world has ever had to meet. Sixty thousand churches in one year without a single convert or an addition! Thirty thousand churches that have closed their doors for lack of funds and people to sustain them!

A praying church: The Early Church was a praying Church. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken." Gossiping, backbiting, faultfinding, bickerings, are too commonly found among us. Too often we are not doing to others as we would that others should do to us. A lack of Christian ethics is often found in the ranks of church people. A prayerless church makes a powerless people. We are so helpless in a suffering, broken world.

A giving church: The Early Church was a giving Church. Barnabas at one time brought all and laid upon the altar to help a struggling church at Jerusalem. Only 27 per cent of the church people of our country gave a dollar for its support in the past twelve months. Where our heart is, there will our pocketbook be also.

Money is so deceptive. It is treacherous when in the hands of people who carelessly spend it as though they did not have to give an account for their stewardship in this life.

"We have more money in the church world than ever before, and less power over a bruised world than ever in the history of the Christian Church," said a leading churchman a few weeks ago. Seventy millions of church members in our country, with an average of only twenty millions in church Sunday morning, and only five millions in attendance Sunday night!

A working church: The Early Church went from "house to house" in order to spread the "good news" of salvation to the people. But one of the most difficult tasks now is to get as many as half a dozen people in almost any church across the nation to give themselves to the task of personal visitation. Did I say task? What a privilege! Seven out of the twelve apostles were won by the personal touch. Sunday schools across this nation have been doubled in attendance in a few months where a few people took this matter of working seriously. Why are the lads not going up with us? The answer often is found in the fact that nobody is going after them.

Prayer is the motor; personal work, the shifting gear. And if we do not shift the gear, we had just about as well turn off the motor.

A separated church: The Early Church was made up of a separated people. They were different. They were a changed people. They found a new motivation in life. They were moved by an inner, divine urge. In those days it meant something to be a church member and a professed follower of Jesus Christ! But what a change has come over us! One can now become a member of a church and not attend the church even one time—join at home or at the office. Often a canvass is made for church members without a words's being said as to the heart condition of the one coming into the church.

Thousands of American youth actually see no difference in church members, as far as a standard of conduct is concerned, from those who never made a profession of religion. They are not going up to the Father's house with us because they cannot see much that is conducive for them to go to. A leading minister of the old-school type said to his pastor, "What is being accomplished in getting all these people into the church without getting them converted?"

If church people gamble, drink liquor, dance, attend dirty movies, read dirty literature, gossip, and take the heart out of people with their long tongues, what is the difference between them and those who make no profession of religion? We need to evangelize the church people of this nation. We are, as a leader said a few days ago, "just kidding ourselves along while professing everything between the lids of the Bible." It is time for a heartsearching in our midst. "Confess your faults one to another," says the Bible; and there is nothing gained by trying to hide our failures, shortcomings, and weaknesses, and acting as though everything were all right. We know that all is not well. Church people should act different, be different, live different, and be a distinct people from those who are not professors of religion!

Revivals of religion are in too many instances a joke, as far as reaching the outsider is concerned, because of the haphazard, careless, and often open way of living among those who are church members! "Revive thy work in the midst of the years." Dr. Stanley Jones says, "The church used to be a voice; it is now an echo." There is a reason why this hell-bent crowd of youth are not going up with us! A passionless church, unconcerned about the unchurched youth, brings us to one of the darkest hours for generations. When Zion travails, sons and daughters shall be born. "When we cease to bleed, we cease to bless." "No pains, no gains."

place name, but is probably more familiar for its association with Naaman, commander of the Syrian armies, cured of leprosy by Elisha. Impressed by his healing, he accepted Jehovah as the true God, but apologetically asked for understanding of his political position, which required him to accompany the king of Syria into the house of his god Rimmon, and pay lip service to the idol. Hadad-rimmon was sun god of Syria, his emblem a pomegranate, symbol of fertility.

The Israelites acquired a taste for pomegranates during the Egyptian captivity and carried the memory into the arid desert; tantalizing thoughts of luscious Nile fruit and Egyptian comfort led the half-starved bands into near mutiny against Moses and Aaron. Plenteous pomegranates were pledged amongst the incentives of the Promised Land, to spur the Children of Israel onward, and the treasured fruit was amongst the samples which the spies brought back to assure the sceptics that Canaan was really worth fighting for (*Numbers* 13:23).

The Bible abounds with references to pomegranates, but most are artifical ones, embellishing sacred objects. The hem of the robe of the ephod had alternate pomegranates and golden bells, while pomegranates by the hundred ornamented Solomon's temple. The inclusion of pomegranate representations in the most sacred Jewish regalia and holy places denotes a sanctity connected with the pomegranate which is not explained in Bible literature, and was probably a relic of pagan belief, just as many of our modern celebrations and symbols are adaptations from more ancient religions. Solomon writes of his pomegranate orchards. From the context in the *Song of Solomon* it would appear that the pomegranates were grown in, or adjacent to, the grape vineyards. Both yielded wine and the monarch seems to have esteemed the spiced pomegranate wine (8:2). On two occasions he poetically compares the temples (forehead) of his beloved to a piece of pomegranate (4:3, 6:7); the comparison is elusive to us.

The pomegranate tree, or bush, for it seldom reaches twenty feet, is thorny, with dark green leaves and remarkable bell-shaped crimson flowers. The orange-shaped fruit, green at first, darkens into a reddish hue by late August when it becomes ripe for plucking. The rind is hard but brittle, protecting the bright pink flesh, which is arranged sectionally like an orange; it is studded with little seeds and yields an abundance of bitter-sweet juice, very refreshing to tropical thirst. The seeds have medicinal properties; the rind is used in the native tanning of morocco leather.

Nut trees receive little notice in the Old Testament, none in the New, and with the exception of almonds there is difference of opinion as to the species' identification. *Genesis* (43:11) tells us that the patriarch Jacob sent a gift, including nuts and almonds, to the Governor of Egypt, who happened to be his missing and unrecognized son Joseph. The Revised Version, in a marginal note, identifies the nuts as pistachio; this is accepted by most Bible students. The pistachio nut was, and is, extensively cultivated in Palestine and Syria, but not in Egypt, hence Jacob's choice of this variety as an exotic to the recipient. The parent tree is a slim, multi-branched one, about twenty feet high, growing slowly and preferring a dry stony soil. April is blossom time and the tree covers itself with bunches of white flowers. The nut shells have a pleasant aroma, and the kernels, eaten fresh, are considered a delicacy. The dried pistachio nut of commerce is an export variety, regarded as insipid and stale by the native growers.

The account of Jacob's cattle fertility rites (*Genesis* 30:37) described in the preceding chapter, mentions rods of the hazel and the chestnut tree. The Revised Version substitutes "almond" for "hazel" and "plane" for "chestnut." However, the Hebrew word rendered hazel (or almond) is quite distinct from the word uniformly translated elsewhere in both Bible Versions as almond. This regular Hebrew word for almond has an associated sense of "wakener" or "hastener," the correspondence lying in the precedence of the almond tree's seasonal development over other fruit trees. The almond bloomed in January, the flowers developing on leafless branches, and the nuts were harvested in April. This dual meaning explains an otherwise obscure passage in *Jeremiah* (1:11-12): "Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will *hasten* my word to perform it."

Much speculation has been devoted to the meaning of *Ecclesiastes* 12:5, where feeble old age is symbolized by a series of references to its attendant circumstances. Here we find, "The almond tree shall flourish." It may signify the winter of life, the unusual feature of flowers growing on bare leafless branches representing the sparse gray hairs of age. One commentator, Gesenius, advances the theory that the almond tree shall flourish unharvested because the old man is toothless and cannot chew the nuts. To the ancient Hebrews, the almond had a mystical significance. It was Aaron's rod, alone among the rods of the tribes, which miraculously "brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds" (*Numbers* 17:6-8). The golden candlesticks of the tabernacle had the bowls fashioned in the shape of almonds (*Exodus* 25:33). The rock crystals adorning modern candelabras still bear the trade name of almonds. Jewish housewives prized almond oil as a culinary flavoring.

Amongst Solomon's farms and orchards was a garden of nuts, lying in a valley (*Song of Solomon* 6:11). The Hebrew word for nuts in this text differs from the one used by Jacob and Solomon's variety may have been walnuts. Walnuts were common in Palestine, and a dye was made from their shells. ☐

CHAPTER 8

The Vine

"He took also of the seed of the land and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree. And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs....behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation. It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine....Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew" (*Exekiel* 17:5ff).

Thus Exekiel described his observation of Babylonian viticulture, for the prophet, as he tells us in the introduction to his book, "was among the captives by the river of Chebar....in the land of the Chaldeans." Lateral training of the vine is clearly indicated and was a Babylonian technique.

The whole range of Scripture is studded with references to vines and vineyards, vintage and wine, grapes and raisins. The concordance lists nearly five hundred texts enriched by the vine and its culture, a catalog which far surpasses that accorded any other Bible plant. In the Bible pages we find most of the flora of the Holy Land, but details of cultivation

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Jacob Kurtz

We cannot list the Kurtzes by age, rather we will list them geographically. Jacob Kurtz is given on 94B Strassburger-Hinke shiplist and again on 94C. The later lists many more shipmates, while the former is likely incomplete. Here he is listed with the Zugs, Yoders, some Millers, Johannes Gerber and Jacob Gut, who came to Port Philadelphia on September 21, 1742. Also in this group are the Fausts, who have settled in the heart of the Irish Creek Amish Community. These were perhaps related to some of our forefathers, or at least they were among them in social events, even intermarriages occured, and it is yet a question if they were of Amish stock or not. They refused Military service during and after the Revolution, and some of them followed the Zugs to other regions when they moved and yet others of the Faust family are found in the Lebanon Valley Amish settlement before the year 1800.

Of the aforementioned shiplist, Jacob Kurtz is the only one in our group to settle in Lancaster County, which is an indication that he chose to locate near Abraham Kurtz, his brother. The ability to purchase, clear and cultivate Conestoga and Pequea soil by a family line for generation after generation is outstanding in this Kurtz family. Neither Jacob nor any of his children relied on warranted land by the Commonwealth, rather they bought land which has been warranted to others, which was perhaps already cleared or partly cleared and with some buildings, ready to farm. While they cannot truly be listed as pioneers, they were, however, exceptionally progressive from a financial viewpoint and Jacob was one of the few immigrants who did not begin on a landgrant or from scratch.

In 1748, Jacob Kurtz bought a patent to a 175 acre tract on the north banks of the Conestoga, in Manheim Township, from Jacob Huber, who had obtained a warrant for the same, from the Penn proprietors in 1745. Although this tract was divided in the third generation, the homestead with a well kept cemetery is still apparent. This homestead was kept by Kurtz descendants, and was last owned by Dr. Silas Posey, whose wife, Edna Shirk was a direct descendant of our Jacob Kurtz. The farm is today occupied by John Blank. The northern part of the homestead was also occupied by Kurtz descendants until quite recently and Jacob Shirk, a direct descendant resided there until he died in 1973 at a ripe old age of 90. On this homestead our immigrant, Jacob and Elizabeth reared a family of seven children.

In 1783, this Kurtz plantation was transferred to the youngest son, John. In 1785, immigrant Jacob bought two tracts, one 120 acres and one 19 acres in Leacock Township what is now Upper Leacock, one half mile north of present Leacock, east of Quarry Road. Adjoining this tract were other farms already owned by a Jacob Kurtz and another by John Kurtz, who were sons or son-in-laws of Jacob Sr. Here our immigrants reared a family of seven known children, lived here until death and are buried on this farm burial which is well kept today. A right of way lane off of Quarry Road, marks the frequent use of it until the forepart of this century. The origin of this graveyard goes back to the Baer family who homesteaded this tract, which was then a total of 200 acres.

In 1784, Jacob Kurtz in partnership with his brother Abraham of Earl Township bought a tract of 106 acres in Salisbury Township, which was warranted to Huge Macklevain by Penn proprietors in 1740 (see Lancaster County Deed Book Q-Q page 314). It is evident that he owned more property in Salsbury Township before this date, however, no deed is recorded.

The Jacob Kurtz Family

Jacob Kurtz was born in Germany (estimated by Hugh Gingerich) in 1722 and died in Leacock Township in 1792 (see Lancaster County Will Book F-1, page 356). His wife is named Elizabeth who lived until 1808. She is believed to have been Elizabeth Eberly, also a native of Germany. The will also states that he lives on the farm which he bought from Leonard Diller which is the 1785 purchase he moved on when he relocated from Manheim Township.

The following family dates have been estimated and arranged by Hugh Gingerich and Levi L. Stoltzfus.

1. Jacob 1747-1822, married Magdelena Konig (see page 240 of 1976 "Diary") the oldest daughter of Samuel Konig of Berks County. They are taxable in Salisbury Township in 1779, where they died and are buried on a farmstead burial plot on the farm presently owned by John Yost.

2. Christian 1749-1837, first marriage to Mary Rupp, daughter of immigrant Hans Rupp, who settled in what is now East Earl Township. Second marriage to Sophia Nissley, parentage is unknown. They are also taxable in Salisbury Township in 1779, and are buried in the Kurtz graveyard there.

3. Abraham 1750-179?, married to Barbara, daughter of immigrant Hans Blanck who settled in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County. After Abraham's death, Barbara married again to Bernard Wolf, as stated in the will of Hans Blanck. Abraham and Barbara lived on a farm in Cocalico Township, between Schoeneck and Denver and are buried in the farm burial there.

4. Catherine 1754-18??, married to John Kurtz Jr., son of Deacon Hans Kurtz of Berks County. They lived at first on a farm joining immigrant Jacob Kurtz, which their son Jacob retained. John and Catherine moved on the farm where Preacher Amos U. Glick now lives in East Lampeter Township, and later settled in Salisbury Township where they died. They are also buried in the Kurtz graveyard there.

5. John 1757-1826, married Veronica Zug, daughter of immigrant Morris Zug. They retained the original Jacob Kurtz homestead where they died and are buried in that graveyard along Butter Road in Manheim Township. This union gives the greatest progeny to the present Amish districts in Lancaster County. More on this family will be followed in a later article.

6. Anna, married to Christian Weidman. The parentage of Christian is not definitely known. However, a Christopher and Barbara Weidman emmigrated to America in 1738, and settled on the boundary of Elizabeth and Cocalico Townships, near what is now

Arthur, Illinois

Plank, Schrock - Howard C., son of Ezra J. and Alma (Beachey) Plank, to Mary B., daughter of Ben and Lucy (Schlabaugh) Schrock, November 15.

Kauffman, Miller - Jerry, son of Amzie and Erma Kauffman, to Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, November 17.

Schrock, Miller - Merle L., son of Levi J. and Mary (Yoder) Miller, to Arlene, daughter of Melvin and Viola (Gingerich) Miller, November 18.

Yoder, Gingerich - Lewis, son of Jerry and Alta (Yoder) Yoder, to Katie-Ellen, daughter of Ben and Sovilla (Yoder) Gingerich, November 22.

Guthrie, Kentucky

Yoder, Detweiler - Steven, son of Mrs. Melvin Yoder, to Barbara, daughter of Ray and Lizzie Detweiler, November 24, by Bishop Sim M. Yoder.

Ethridge, Tennessee

Miller, Mast - Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Miller, to Susie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mast, by Bishop Abe Miller.

Yoder, Gingerich - Samuel, son of Fannie and the late Simon Yoder, to Amelia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Gingerich, by Bishop Eli J. Hostetler.

Audrian County, Missouri

Bontrager, Shetler - Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs Amos Bontrager, LaGrange County, Indiana, to Ella, daughter of Felty Shetler, Clark, October 27, by Bishop Jake L. Petersheim.

Reno County, [Haven] Kansas

Yoder, Bontrager - Lavern, son of Preacher Noah N. and Sarah (Mullet) Yoder, Chouteau, Oklahoma, to Marilyn, daughter of Jonas J. and Anna (Schrock) Bontrager, Haven, November 8, by Bishop Jonas P. Borntrager.

Johnson County, Iowa

Miller, Schlabach - Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller Jr., to Celesta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schlabach, November 24, by Bishop Truman Miller.

Blair, Wisconsin

Bontreger, Mast - Alva, son of Reuben and Mary Bontreger, to Malinda, daughter of William and Barbara Mast, October 20, by Bishop Reuben Bontreger.

Canton, Minnisota

Hershberger, Miller - Enos D. Hershberger, to Katie P. Miller, November 24, by Bishop Eli J. Hershberger, Dalton, Ohio.

Hershberger, Petersheim - Jerry J. Hershberger, to Lydiann H. Petersheim, December 1, by Bishop John A. Miller, Dundee, Ohio.

Grey county, Ontario

Hershberger, Stutzman - Enos M., son of Moses E. and Emma (Shetler) Hershberger, to Verna, daughter of Noah N. and Lizzie (Hershberger) Stutzman.

Baptisms

Holmes County, Ohio

Bishop Eli J. M. Miller District
By Bishop Aden R. Miller
David, son of Adrian and Amanda (Miller) Wengerd
John, son of Jacob and Mary (Miller) Chupp
Eli, son of Adrian and Amanda (Miller) Wengard
Paul, son of Delbert and Ella (Yoder) Shetler
Susie, daughter of Alvin C. and Betty (Yoder) Miller
Fannie Mae, daughter of Andy M. and Mary (Troyer) Raber
Alma, daughter of Delbert and Ella (Yoder) Shetler
Edna Wengard, daughter of Jacob and Katie (Wengard) Graber
Alma, daughter of Mervin and Emma (Raber) Shetler
Charm South District, by Bishop Eli J. M. Miller
Ivan, son of Andy and Amanda (Yoder) Yoder
Katie Mae, daughter of Albert N. and Mary (Yoder) Schrock
Sarah, daughter of Eli and Mattie (Raber) Miller
Lydiann, daughter of Sam and Lizzie (Hershberger) Erb
Ida, daughter of Henry and Celesta (Schlabach) Schlabach
Mary, daughter of Jacob and Clara (Raber) Mast
Charm North District, by Bishop Emanuel D. Miller
Andy, son of Mose F. and Amanda (Hershberger) Yoder
Eli Jr., son of Eli and Katie (Miller) Mast
Benny, son of Eli and Nettie (Yoder) Mullet
Attlee, son of Dan and Sarah (Schlabach) Hershberger
John, son of Alvin and Mary Ann (Yoder) Troyer
Amanda, daughter of Christ and Clara (Hershberger) Miller

Bloomfield, Iowa

October 9, by Bishop George Gingerich
Clyde, son of Elmer D. and Pauline Yoder
Vernon, son of Deacon Menno and Clara Lambright
Nathan, son of Preacher Henry and Fannie Marie Hochstedler
Allen, son of Orie and Fannie Helmuth

Canton, Minnesota

November 20, by Bishop Eli J. Hershberger, Dalton, Ohio
Rudy, son of Rudy C. and Mattie Yoder
Dan, son of Pete W. and Mattie (Hershberger) Miller

Ordinations

Centreville, Michigan

Elva Ray Hochstetler, 23, son of Minister Amos Hochstetler, was ordained minister in South East District, by Bishop William J. Bontrager, October 2. He is married to Naomi (Bontrager).

Wadena, Minnesota

William I. Yoder, 41, was ordained Bishop on November 9.

Community Note - Centreville, Michigan

Virgil Yoder Jr., age 15, fell off his pony on Sunday, October 16. He broke his leg below the knee, and is in a cast the length of his leg.

Community Note - Branch County, Michigan

Josephine B. Girod, 7 months old daughter of Reuben A. and Barbara N. (Schwartz) Girod, was admitted to the hospital on the 27 with croup. She was an oxygen tent until Tuesday morning. She returned home on the 9.

Community Note - LaGrange County, Indiana

Amelia, 62, daughter of the late Enos L. Bontragers, of Shipshewana R1, Indiana, is not feeling well at present. She has poor circulation and other complications. She is in bed and cards and words of cheer would help pass her time, as she can not go to the school of opportunity now and will not be able to for awhile. She is at home with her brother Ammon E. Bontrager and wife.

Community Note - Arthur, Illinois

Mrs. Sam (Dora) Chupp, 70, fell and broke her hip and has spent most of the month in St. Mary's Hospital. She had surgery to put pins in, but is home again and getting along fair at last reports.

Community Notes - Ethridge, Tennessee

Preacher Mose D. Yoder had quite a bit more tests and examinations done at the Vanderbilt Hospital on his stomach ailments during this month. The doctor feels his problems are from surgery wounds of ulcer operations from some years ago and hope they can heal it with medication rather than operating again.

Daniel J. Hostetlers' newborn baby had been in Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville from birth for about a week, then was transferred to Murry County Hospital, Columbia and kept there one day. He is now at home and seems to be doing fine.

Ura J. Gingerich had a bit of an accident while going from church on sunday. He was hitching his unruly horse to the buggy and hit him on the head with his hand. He broke his hand and has a cast on nearly up to his elbow.

respect and immunity from destruction. The value of some plants as aphrodisiac or fertility mediums was commonly accepted in Jacob's time, and it is in this same 30th chapter of *Genesis* that we find the account of Reuben's mandrakes as well as Jacob's magic wands.

The chestnut tree, or plane tree according to the Revised Version, part of the components of the fertility charm of Jacob, gets its only other mention in *Ezekiel* (31:8), where it is lauded along with the cedar and the fir as one of the glories of the garden of God. In contemporary times Longfellow has immortalized it in "The Village Blacksmith."

In *Isaiah* (44:14), where we find so many names of trees, occurs the sole reference to the ash. As far as is known the ash was never native to Palestine, and botanists consider that the Aleppo pine is indicated. Isaiah's fine irony is tellingly directed at idol worship, and the more intelligent of his pagan audience must have felt doubts sweep over them as the great prophet's sarcasm struck home: "He planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: and the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image; he falleth down into it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god....And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it; and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?" The tree referred to was apparently quick growing, furnished good fuel for heating and cooking purposes, and could be satisfactorily worked up as idol-wood.

Eaekiel devotes his twenty-seventh chapter to the luxury imports of the great port of Tyre, which had continued to maintain its trading supremacy down the centuries separating it from its earlier commercial importance in the Solomon-Huram era. To read this chapter and to visualize the harbor and the market place, the arrogant mercenary troops and the sweating slaves, the clamor in the narrow streets and the decadent luxury of the merchant princes and their women, conveys a sharper and more realistic picture than pages of modern description and cataloguing. Side by side with exotic imports we find the produce of farm, forest, and pasture ground. Here, tucked away among more common woods is the lone mention of ebony, coupled with ivory as a contribution of the men of Dedan in the Persian Gulf. Then as now, the best ebony came from India and Ceylon. What traveller to the East has not been tempted to but a miniature elephant, carved from ebony and fitted with ivory tusks, or the cheaper imitation made from black-stained wood and bone. Ebony, susceptible to high polish, was used for carvings, decorative trimmings and musical instruments.

Ballaam, popularly associated with his talking ass, tells of "trees of lign-aloes which the Lord hath planted." This reference in *Numbers* (24:6) is the only one to lign-aloe, but the word "aloe" or "aloes" occurs elsewhere in both the Old and New Testaments. By modern classification the aloe and lign-aloe are quite separate. The aloe is a shrub of the family *Liliaceae,* used both for its ornamental value and for the medicinal juice extracted from its leaves. This extract has purgative properties. It is considered that all the biblical aloes are lign-aloes, the abbreviated form of the word being commonly used. Lign-aloe itself is a diminutive of the Latin *lignum-aloe;* the Hebrew name, as well as the context supports the view that lign-aloe, known also as *Agallochum, Agila, Eagle Wood, Paradise Wood and Calambac,* is not native to Palestine but thrives in more tropical regions of Asia. The tree is a large one, its height exceeding a hundred feet. From the heartwood the extract was obtained, which in ancient times was more valuable than its weight in gold. It was a favorite perfume of David and Solomon. After the crucifixion of Jesus, His follower Nicodemus anointed the body with "a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight" (*John* 19:39).

Shittim-wood was divinely specified for the construction of the ark of the covenant and other furnishings of the tabernacle. Shittim is the plural form of shittah, the tree from which the wood was cut, but only in *Isaiah* (41:19) do we find the tree itself mentioned. Isaiah wrote nearly eight hundred years after Moses supervised the making of the tabernacle, but the shittah tree continued to be esteemed, being classed with the cedar, the myrtle and the oil. The Revised Version of the Bible translates shittim and shittah uniformly as acacia, several varieties of which are found in Asia Minor. From one of these the substance known as gum arabic is obtained, but there is no evidence that the ancient Jews knew of or used this exudation. The Septuagint uses "incorruptible wood" instead of shittim; the wood is close grained and hard, and suitable for fine furniture. Our mimosa tree is comparable to the Bible shittah.

The weeping willow still grows green by the banks of the Euphrates, but though it bears the Latin title *Salix babylonica,* it is not the willow on which the Jew of the Exile hung his harp and nostalgically mourned the glory that was Jerusalem. *S. babylonica* came from China, after Babylon had fallen. Two different Hebrew words are translated "willow," one of which is restricted to *Ezekiel* (17:5). The willows of Babylon, immortalized in the 137th *Psalm,* are thought to have been aspens or oleanders. Whatever the identity of the Bible willows, they were all stream-loving plants, for each of the five references connects them with streams and water courses.

CHAPTER 7

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The last of the fruit trees is the pomegranate. The anglicized name comes from the Roman *ponum granatum,* gained apple. It is no relation of the apple but belongs to the myrtle family. The Hebrew term, *rimmon,* was also a common geographical place name, but is probably more familiar for its association with Naaman, commander of the Syrian armies, cured of leprosy by Elisha. Impressed by his healing, he accepted Jehovah as the true God, but apologetically asked for understanding of his political position, which required him to accompany the king of Syria into the house of his god Rimmon, and pay lip service to the idol. Hadad-rimmon was sun god of Syria, his emblem a pomegranate, symbol of fertility.

The Israelites acquired a taste for pomegranates during the Egyptian captivity and carried the memory into the arid desert; tantalizing thoughts of luscious Nile fruit and Egyptian comfort led the half-starved bands into near mutiny against Moses and Aaron. Plenteous pomegranates were pledged amongst the incentives of the Promised Land, to spur the Children of Israel onward, and the treasured fruit was amongst the samples which the spies brought back to assure the sceptics that Canaan was really worth fighting for (*Numbers* 13:23).

The Bible abounds with references to pomegranates, but most are artifical ones, embellishing sacred objects. The hem of the robe of the ephod had alternate pomegranates and golden bells, while pomegranates by the hundred ornamented Solomon's temple. The inclusion of pomegranate representations in the most sacred Jewish regalia and holy places denotes a sanctity connected with the pomegranate which is not explained in Bible literature, and was probably a relic of pagan belief, just as many of our modern celebrations and symbols are adaptations from more ancient religions. Solomon writes of his pomegranate orchards. From the context in the *Song of Solomon* it would appear that the pomegranates were grown in, or adjacent to, the grape vineyards. Both yielded wine and the monarch seems to have esteemed the spiced pomegranate wine (8:2). On two occasions he poetically compares the temples (forehead) of his beloved to a piece of pomegranate (4:3, 6:7); the comparison is elusive to us.

The pomegranate tree, or bush, for it seldom reaches twenty feet, is thorny, with dark green leaves and remarkable bell-shaped crimson flowers. The orange-shaped fruit, green at first, darkens into a reddish hue by late August when it becomes ripe for plucking. The rind is hard but brittle, protecting the bright pink flesh, which is arranged sectionally like an orange; it is studded with little seeds and yields an abundance of bitter-sweet juice, very refreshing to tropical thirst. The seeds have medicinal properties; the rind is used in the native tanning of morocco leather.

Nut trees receive little notice in the Old Testament, none in the New, and with the exception of almonds there is difference of opinion as to the species' identification. *Genesis* (43:11) tells us that the patriarch Jacob sent a gift, including nuts and almonds, to the Governor of Egypt, who happened to be his missing and unrecognized son Joseph. The Revised Version, in a marginal note, identifies the nuts as pistachio; this is accepted by most Bible students. The pistachio nut was, and is, extensively cultivated in Palestine and Syria, but not in Egypt, hence Jacob's choice of this variety as an exotic to the recipient. The parent tree is a slim, multi-branched one, about twenty feet high, growing slowly and preferring a dry stony soil. April is blossom time and the tree covers itself with bunches of white flowers. The nut shells have a pleasant aroma, and the kernels, eaten fresh, are considered a delicacy. The dried pistachio nut of commerce is an export variety, regarded as insipid and stale by the native growers.

The account of Jacob's cattle fertility rites (*Genesis* 30:37) described in the preceding chapter, mentions rods of the hazel and the chestnut tree. The Revised Version substitutes "almond" for "hazel" and "plane" for "chestnut." However, the Hebrew word rendered hazel (or almond) is quite distinct from the word uniformly translated elsewhere in both Bible Versions as almond. This regular Hebrew word for almond has an associated sense of "wakener" or "hastener," the correspondence lying in the precedence of the almond tree's seasonal development over other fruit trees. The almond bloomed in January, the flowers developing on leafless branches, and the nuts were harvested in April. This dual meaning explains an otherwise obscure passage in *Jeremiah* (1:11-12): "Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will *hasten* my word to perform it."

Much speculation has been devoted to the meaning of *Ecclesiastes* 12:5, where feeble old age is symbolized by a series of references to its attendant circumstances. Here we find, "The almond tree shall flourish." It may signify the winter of life, the unusual feature of flowers growing on bare leafless branches representing the sparse gray hairs of age. One commentator, Gesenius, advances the theory that the almond tree shall flourish unharvested because the old man is toothless and cannot chew the nuts. To the ancient Hebrews, the almond had a mystical significance. It was Aaron's rod, alone among the rods of the tribes, which miraculously "brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds" (*Numbers* 17:6-8). The golden candlesticks of the tabernacle had the bowls fashioned in the shape of almonds (*Exodus* 25:33). The rock crystals adorning modern candelabras still bear the trade name of almonds. Jewish housewives prized almond oil as a culinary flavoring.

Amongst Solomon's farms and orchards was a garden of nuts, lying in a valley (*Song of Solomon* 6:11). The Hebrew word for nuts in this text differs from the one used by Jacob and Solomon's variety may have been walnuts. Walnuts were common in Palestine, and a dye was made from their shells. ☐

CHAPTER 8
The Vine

"He took also of the seed of the land and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree. And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs....behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation. It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine....Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew" (*Exekiel* 17:5ff).

Thus Exekiel described his observation of Babylonian viticulture, for the prophet, as he tells us in the introduction to his book, "was among the captives by the river of Chebar....in the land of the Chaldeans." Lateral training of the vine is clearly indicated and was a Babylonian technique.

The whole range of Scripture is studded with references to vines and vineyards, vintage and wine, grapes and raisins. The concordance lists nearly five hundred texts enriched by the vine and its culture, a catalog which far surpasses that accorded any other Bible plant. In the Bible pages we find most of the flora of the Holy Land, but details of cultivation

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Jacob Kurtz

We cannot list the Kurtzes by age, rather we will list them geographically. Jacob Kurtz is given on 94B Strassburger-Hinke shiplist and again on 94C. The later lists many more shipmates, while the former is likely incomplete. Here he is listed with the Zugs, Yoders, some Millers, Johannes Gerber and Jacob Gut, who came to Port Philadelphia on September 21, 1742. Also in this group are the Fausts, who have settled in the heart of the Irish Creek Amish Community. These were perhaps related to some of our forefathers, or at least they were among them in social events, even intermarriages occured, and it is yet a question if they were of Amish stock or not. They refused Military service during and after the Revolution, and some of them followed the Zugs to other regions when they moved and yet others of the Faust family are found in the Lebanon Valley Amish settlement before the year 1800.

Of the aforementioned shiplist, Jacob Kurtz is the only one in our group to settle in Lancaster County, which is an indication that he chose to locate near Abraham Kurtz, his brother. The ability to purchase, clear and cultivate Conestoga and Pequea soil by a family line for generation after generation is outstanding in this Kurtz family. Neither Jacob nor any of his children relied on warranted land by the Commonwealth, rather they bought land which has been warranted to others, which was perhaps already cleared or partly cleared and with some buildings, ready to farm. While they cannot truly be listed as pioneers, they were, however, exceptionally progressive from a financial viewpoint and Jacob was one of the few immigrants who did not begin on a landgrant or from scratch.

In 1748, Jacob Kurtz bought a patent to a 175 acre tract on the north banks of the Conestoga, in Manheim Township, from Jacob Huber, who had obtained a warrant for the same, from the Penn proprietors in 1745. Although this tract was divided in the third generation, the homestead with a well kept cemetery is still apparent. This homestead was kept by Kurtz descendants, and was last owned by Dr. Silas Posey, whose wife, Edna Shirk was a direct descendant of our Jacob Kurtz. The farm is today occupied by John Blank. The northern part of the homestead was also occupied by Kurtz descendants until quite recently and Jacob Shirk, a direct descendant resided there until he died in 1973 at a ripe old age of 90. On this homestead our immigrant, Jacob and Elizabeth reared a family of seven children.

In 1783, this Kurtz plantation was transferred to the youngest son, John. In 1785, immigrant Jacob bought two tracts, one 120 acres and one 19 acres in Leacock Township what is now Upper Leacock, one half mile north of present Leacock, east of Quarry Road. Adjoining this tract were other farms already owned by a Jacob Kurtz and another by John Kurtz, who were sons or son-in-laws of Jacob Sr. Here our immigrants reared a family of seven known children, lived here until death and are buried on this farm burial which is well kept today. A right of way lane off of Quarry Road, marks the frequent use of it until the forepart of this century. The origin of this graveyard goes back to the Baer family who homesteaded this tract, which was then a total of 200 acres.

In 1784, Jacob Kurtz in partnership with his brother Abraham of Earl Township bought a tract of 106 acres in Salisbury Township, which was warranted to Huge Macklevain by Penn proprietors in 1740 (see Lancaster County Deed Book Q-Q page 314). It is evident that he owned more property in Salsbury Township before this date, however, no deed is recorded.

The Jacob Kurtz Family

Jacob Kurtz was born in Germany (estimated by Hugh Gingerich) in 1722 and died in Leacock Township in 1792 (see Lancaster County Will Book F-1, page 356). His wife is named Elizabeth who lived until 1808. She is believed to have been Elizabeth Eberly, also a native of Germany. The will also states that he lives on the farm which he bought from Leonard Diller which is the 1785 purchase he moved on when he relocated from Manheim Township.

The following family dates have been estimated and arranged by Hugh Gingerich and Levi L. Stoltzfus.

1. Jacob 1747-1822, married Magdelena Konig (see page 240 of 1976 "Diary") the oldest daughter of Samuel Konig of Berks County. They are taxable in Salisbury Township in 1779, where they died and are buried on a farmstead burial plot on the farm presently owned by John Yost.
2. Christian 1749-1837, first marriage to Mary Rupp, daughter of immigrant Hans Rupp, who settled in what is now East Earl Township. Second marriage to Sophia Nissley, parentage is unknown. They are also taxable in Salisbury Township in 1779, and are buried in the Kurtz graveyard there.
3. Abraham 1750-179?, married to Barbara, daughter of immigrant Hans Blanck who settled in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County. After Abraham's death, Barbara married again to Bernard Wolf, as stated in the will of Hans Blanck. Abraham and Barbara lived on a farm in Cocalico Township, between Schoeneck and Denver and are buried in the farm burial there.
4. Catherine 1754-18??, married to John Kurtz Jr., son of Deacon Hans Kurtz of Berks County. They lived at first on a farm joining immigrant Jacob Kurtz, which their son Jacob retained. John and Catherine moved on the farm where Preacher Amos U. Glick now lives in East Lampeter Township, and later settled in Salisbury Township where they died. They are also buried in the Kurtz graveyard there.
5. John 1757-1826, married Veronica Zug, daughter of immigrant Morris Zug. They retained the original Jacob Kurtz homestead where they died and are buried in that graveyard along Butter Road in Manheim Township. This union gives the greatest progeny to the present Amish districts in Lancaster County. More on this family will be followed in a later article.
6. Anna, married to Christian Weidman. The parentage of Christian is not definitely known. However, a Christopher and Barbara Weidman emmigrated to America in 1738, and settled on the boundary of Elizabeth and Cocalico Townships, near what is now

Weidmanville. Lancaster County Deedbook R-R, page 580, gives an account of some of his children. A Christian Jr. is listed as the eldest son, but fails to mention where he lived. A daughter Catherine married to Christopher Striegel and lives in Bardley County, Virginia. Another son, John, lived in Lebanon County or later at Union Forge, Dauphin County. Another daughter, Mary, was married to Abraham Forney. Another Lancaster County Deedbook A-3, page 6, lists a Jacob Weidman who was perhaps another son of Christopher, but it does not state it so, was married to Elizabeth, a daughter of Jacob Carpenter. Elizabeth later inherited a portion of the great Carpenter 1550 acre tract, which was adjoining north of the 1785 Jacob Kurtz purchase and where Christian and Anna Kurtz Weidman settled. They are buried in this Kurtz graveyard.

7. Barbara 1762-1826, married to Jacob Kurtz, another son of Deacon Hans Kurtz. They probably lived in Leacock Township first. A Z-3, page 269, County deed release places Jacob and Barbara in Cocalico Township in 1809. They lived on a farm in the present town of Lincoln. On this farm there is also a Kurtz family burial, where Jacob and his family are buried. The late Catherine Kurtz who was married to Deacon Christian Stoltzfus, and lived on the present Israel Swarey farm near Mascot, was a direct descendant of Jacob and Barbara Kurtz. From his clan and perhaps others of Jacob and Barbara stem a large volume of present day generation Amish families in the Pequea.

Jacob Kurtz Associates

In all ways it appear that Jacob Kurtz was a hard working farmer, had well managed operations in which he generally achieved success. Besides providing well for his family, he rendered ready assistance to his fellow people as a lay member. He was guardian for Christian Gerber, and perhaps others. Another county record shows that he provided bond or mortage for the plantation of Michael dryer (Troyer) in Salisbury Township in 1775, when things were going rough after revolution period, which resulted a panic or depression.The change from hard European money to confederate currency effected the economy of the new nation together with the aftermath of the revolutionary war, resulted in a depression. It was in this time or shortly after that quite a number of our fatherland families left their homesteads to homestead new land in central and western counties of Pennsylvania. About a decade after this date Michael Troyer followed this movement to Brothers Valley.

Our records make it clear that the Kurtz family associate was unusual widespread. The intermarriages reached to Womelsdorf in Berks County, to Cocalico Hills, to Caernarvon Township, to the Chester Valley, to the Foothills of the Welch in Salisbury Township, to Strasburg and Manor Townships west of Lancaster, in second and third generation marriages. Although the Hans Rupp family is not known in Amish society today, they were eminent in their day. The name appears among entries in the Alms Book, and another record shows that Christian Rupp was a spokesman for the Amish society during revolutionary war conflicts.

Other Kurtzes in Lancaster County

The earliest account of Kurtzes County is recorded in "Forges and Furnaces in the Province of Pennsylvania" page 41. The complete paragraph reads *KURTZ IRON WORKS, a Kurtz, possibly an Amish Mennonite, is supposed to have established iron works in Lancaster County in 1726. Egle says On Octorara Creek. These works are said by Day to have been the first in the County, Although Peter Grubbs were said to have been a close second. Information about this undertaking is not to be found in usual records.* Now this is all the information we have on this Kurtz Iron Works and we do not know who Mr. Egle nor Mr. Day was.

Another Jacob Kurtz is recorded in Lancaster Co. Deed Book E, page 65 between Adam Forner Manheim Township, and Jacob Kurtz, a carpender of the Boro of Lancaster. The later bought a tract of 200 acres in Manheim Township, located on west side of the great from Lancaster to Ephrata. The transaction is dated 1756. It seems questionable for a while if this is possibly our Jacob Kurtz or if there was another. It is known that a grandaughter of our Jacob Kurtz married to John Schock Jr. lived on a farm at about this described point. There however to this date is no proof.

Joseph F. Beiler

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and gardening practices are few and far between. Fortunately viticulture is an exception and we are afforded some insight into the methods under which the grape was grown and its fruit fermented. The fifth chapter of *Isaiah* relates the vicissitudes of a Hebrew vinegrower on a terraced hillside in Canaan. Opening with language reminiscent of the *Song of Solomon,* the great prophet and orator begins, "Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: and he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: and I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it."

Isaiah evidently blamed the soil, or the location, or the spirit of the place, for his disappointment, instead of the more obvious cause of sports developing from supposedly good domestic stock; even in this day of scientific horticulture, sports occasionally appear even in the best managed nursery. Vine growing was a skilled occupation, calling forth much preparatory work and then constant attention and vigilance. Unproductive or atypic vines were naturally a great disappointment, considering the output of labor, time, and expense involved, and they were ruthlessly destroyed by the emotional and hot-tempered Hebrews. The prophets, often speaking from bitter experience, used this convenient example to depict the fate of the unproductive and ungrateful man or nation.

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

The Kurtzes in America

Kurtz Origin - Dusseldorf, Germany

a Reprint from the work of the late
Horace K. Martin

Our family originated in Wurthenburg, Germany

The Kurtz of our branch, which went to America, were all Protestants and all came from South Germany, especially Wurthenburg. All had Old Testament names as this was the custom among the very strict German Protestants. The same names you will find in a book, which really does not leave a doubt about the relationship. In the middle ages members of our Kurtz family lived in Gesslingen, Schwabish-Hall and Schwabisch-Gmund, and their descendants live today in these 3 towns, also in the university town of Fubengen and the city of Stutgart. Of course you find more towns mentioned in the book.

Furlow evidently likes to know how I discovered that the Kurtz date back to 1248, as there were no surnames at that time. He is right about that in general, but not so far as South Germany is concerned. As it stood until the year 280 A. D. under Roman power. It was so called Tenthland, where the German inhabitants and the migrated Galliers made a living and had to give a tenth of everything to the Romans. At that time the Romans had already for centuries traditional family names. By living under Roman power, the people in the Tenth-land took on Roman customs, amongst others, family names.

The oldest authentic German Kurtz is Antonius Kurtz. On September 23, 1123, he was made knight by the German Emperor Heinrich V at the land session in Worms, for outstanding heroism and loyalty.

More authentic papers refer to the traditional name of Kurtz in Wurthenburg. Brothers Johannes and Konrad Kurtz, December 10, 1251 - October 5, 1278. Huge and Rudiger Kurtz, September 24, 1280 - March 2, 1281. Heinrich Kurtz, November 12, 1306 - June 24, 1307. Hans Kurtz September 29, 1313. Others mentioned are Albrecht, Elizabeth, Ursula, Agnes, Anna, Reuben, Bethun, Bernard Kurtz. The first names often repeat themselves.

The archives of Esslingen contain more than a hundred authentic documents, which prove without a doubt, that the Kurtz family from the year 1248 to 1480 was considered one of the best partrician families in Esslingen. In the wake of a city revolution on 1470 some of the best families left, among them the famly of Hans Kurtz. He settled in the country around Reutlingen, about 30 kilometers from Esslingen and he is the founder of the family Kurtz-Reutlingen which I am sending you.

Letter of Walter Kurtz to his neice Mrs. John Ostreich, North Platte, Nebr., February 1, 1936.

(end of Horace Martin quote)

The Kurtzes in America

Our American Kurtz forebearers are being generally thought of as being four in number, although there were actually five; namely Abraham, Jacob, Hans, Stephen, and Christian. The latter has no known Amish descendants, however, we feel he belongs to our Fatherland group. Some previous family historians have placed these all in one family or as five Kurtz immigrant brothers. More recent findings disprove this theory and within reason it cannot be true. Rather we now believe that Abraham and Jacob were brothers and from an unaddressed letter written in 1805, by Hans Holly to someone in Germany it is clear that Hans Kurtz and Stephen Kurtz are named brothers. Christian Kurtz may be from another family, although he too, could be close kin to either Kurtz families. Another fact that discourages the former theory is that of the numerous second generation intermarriages. If the five were brothers these would have resulted in first cousin marriages. Although we are aware of the fact that first cousin marriages did exist in early American church or community groups, at times when like-faith partners were rare. However, we do not believe that our forebearers approved to wholesale close kin marriages any more than we do today. When first cousin marriages appear in family history studies, we prefer to shift the related parents into another family and in these cases over 90 per cent of them prove true in time that they were not so closely related. Many second cousin (in Amish terms) marriages are reported and repeated again in following generations on up until today, resulting in some individuals possibley having over 25 per cent of one certain blood speciman, but closer than second cousin marriages are rare.

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Farm Accident, Arthur, Illinois

Lloyd, 14 year old son of Amzy J. and Emma Kauffman, was cleaning out their hen house with an under the floor auger. He stepped through a metal covering which had become weak from rust, down into the auger, breaking both bones so that the bone protruded out through his clothing and over the top of his 5 buckle overshoe. They worked quite a while before they got him loose. He was rushed by ambulance to the St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur where he has been in intensive care since. At last reports there was only about 50 per cent chance of saving his foot.

Lancaster County Woodworking Shop fire

Friday afternoon, December 9, the Kountry Kustom Kitchen shop owned by Emanuel Fisher was destroyed by fire. The women were quilting in the house and several smaller children were out in the shop playing with matches starting the blaze which was to cause a $70,000 loss. The blaze was first noticed by a passerby who went to a nearby restaurant from which the fire engines were notified. 8 fire companies responded, but the building was already engulfed with flames by the time they arrived. In spite of the wind firemen were able to save the house which was a mere 40 feet from the building.

All equipment was destroyed in the fire accounting for $45,00, the block building with a tin roof at $25,000 and three driving horses were destroyed which were valued at $800 each. The building has already been reconstructed with volunteer help.

Nappanee, Indiana Deaths

David J. Burkholder, 88, of Nappanee R3, Indiana was admitted to the Elkhart Hospital, December 22. He suffered a stroke in his home and was found lying on the floor. He was in intensive care until he passed away on January 1st.

Another close neighbor, Elmer D. Stutzman, 73, was admitted to Bremen Hospital, December 12, for about eleven days, then again on December 27. He was a victim of Luekemia and heart trouble. He also passed away on January 1st. (see obituaries next month).

Garnett, Kansas Child receives Burns

Teresa Yoder, 9 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Yoder was badly burned over her back on November 26. Her clothing caught fire by a trash barrel where her mother had been burning trash. She has some 3rd degree burns and is at K.U. Medic Center in Kansas City in Intensive Care. They were intending to do skin grafting.

Evansville, Wisonsin Accident

Vernon, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Detweilers, got kicked by a horse which resulted in a broken leg. Presently he is getting along good on crutches.

Daviess Co., Indiana Accident

Larry, 15 year old son of Noah and Caroline (Schrock) Wagler received a broken leg when he fell from the hayloft.

Community Note - Montgomery, Indiana

Delmar, 17 year old son of Glen and Ida (Knepp) Wagler had surgery for appendicitis and was very sick. They had taken him home from the hospital but he was taken back in on the 31.

Montour Co., Pennsylvania Fire

The barn of John M. Stoltzfus, Bloomsburg R1, was on fire the night of December 22. The stables and lean-to shed were saved as it was seen in the early stage by a passerby going to another fire. Three fires in the neighborhood were blamed on arson that night.

Community Notes - Ethridge, Tennessee

Ben, 8 month old son of Ura J. Gingerichs was sent to Murry County Hospital on Friday, December 30, then sent on to Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville on the 31. He has a very bad case of asthma and is still in intensive care, but seems to be improving to the point where he may be able to come out of intensive care.

John, son of Jake A. Yoders was trying to stall a power unit with a rope and got a whipping that required 12 stitches and several days in the Scott Memorial Hospital, Lawrenceburg.

Mose D. Yoder is having a lot of stomach trouble and is scheduled for an operation in the Vanderbilt Hospital on Jan. 11.

Community Note - Mifflin Co. Pennsylvania

Mrs. Lizzie B. Yoder, Belleville, widow of Bishop Noah D. Yoder, age 87, fell on December 31 and broke her hip. She is in the Lewistown Hospital.

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Births

"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen"..
Mark 10:14

Centre County [Brush Valley] Pennsylvania

Zook, Joe (Lena Swarey) Rebersburg, a son **Norman**, December 4

Montour County, Pennsylvania

Fisher, Jacob (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Bloomsburg R1, a dau. **Arie**, Oct. 21
Zook, Moses (Arie Stoltzfus) Turbotville R1, a dau. **Lydia**, Nov. 28

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Lantz, Amos G. (Katie Lapp) Lebanon R1, a daughter **Leah**, Dec. 29
Zook, Noah L. (Katie Lapp) Lebanon R1, a daughter **Sylvia**, Dec. 28

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Allgyer, Reuben S. (Sadie R. Petersheim) Parkesburg R2, a son **Benuel James**, December 31
Beiler, Amos E. (Lavina Yoder) Strasburg R1, a son **John Jay**, Nov. 24
Beiler, Andrew L. (Ruth Beiler) Ronks R1, a son **Christian**, Dec. 7
Beiler, David Z. (Katie Kauffman) Ronks R1, a son **Stevie K.**, Nov. 5
Beiler, John L. (Mary Esh) Gordonville R1, a dau. **Ruth Anna**, Dec. 28
Blank, Amos G. (Rebecca Lapp) Oxford R1, a dau. **Katie**, Dec. 28
Blank, Aquilla (Leah Glick) Gap R1, a son **Isaac Matthew**, Dec. 14
Ebersol, Benjamin S. (Salome Lapp) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son **Samuel L.** December 21
Esch, David G. (Sylvia Esh) Gap R2, a daughter **Katie Ruth**, Dec. 2
Esh, Daniel (Lavina Beiler) Gordonville R1, a dau. **Mary B.**, Dec. 19
Esh, Isaac K. (Anna S. Beiler) Gordonville R1, a dau. **Sadie B.**, Dec. 22
Esh, Reuben F. (Mary King) Gordonville R1, a son **Reuben F. Jr.**, December 4
Fisher, Abner (Sadie Beiler) Gordonville R1, a son **Paul**, December 31
Fisher, John L. (Emma L. Fisher) Ronks R1, a dau. **Anna Mary**, Dec31
Fisher, Omar S. (Rebecca Esh) Ronks R1, a daughter **Rebecca E.**, November 12
Fisher, Samuel L. (Susie Glick) Strasburg R1, a son, December 1
Glick, Benjamin L. (Anna Esh) Gap R1, a son **Samuel Mark**, Dec. 17
Kauffman, Bennie M. (Emma S. Esh) Christiana R1, a son **John L.**, December 26
Kauffman, Daniel U. (Priscilla S. Lapp) Honey Brook R2, a dau. **Ruth**, December 9
Kauffman, Jacob E. (Fannie M. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a son **Jacob E. Jr.** December 12
King, Jacob (Sadie King) Paradise R1, a daughter, December 24
King, John Z. (Anna Stoltzfus) Leola, a son, **Jospeh S.**, December 19
King, Samuel S. (Mary S. Allgyer) Oxford R1, a dau. **Elizabeth A.**, December 20
Lantz, Jonas (Sylvia Mae Esch) Leola R1, a son **Samuel**, December 28
Lapp, Benjamin S. (Nancy Miller) Intercourse, a dau. **Marilyn Fay**, December 13
Lapp, David (Leah Esh) Lititz R3, a son **Allen**, December 14
Lapp, John K. (Rebecca S. Smucker) Paradise R1, a son, December 29
Lapp, John S. (Mary Ann King) Gordonville R1, a son **Isaac Z.**, Dec. 30
Lapp, Leroy E. (Naomi Esh) New Holland R1, a dau. **Katie**, Dec. 25
Lapp, Melvin (Sara Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son, December 14
Petersheim, Enos L. (Annie King) Christiana R1, a dau. **Sarah**, Dec. 11
Riehl, Moses (Ruth Beiler) New Providence R1, a son **Jacob**, Dec. 20
Smucker, David (Rachel Kauffman) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter **Barbara K.**, November 7
Smucker, Paul S. (Rachel H. Beiler) Lancaster, a dau. **Sadie Ann**, December 25
Stoltzfus, Aaron E. (Sarah Esh) Leola R1, a son **John P.**, December 21
Stoltzfus, Amos S. (Mary S. Fisher) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son **Daniel F.**, November 11
Stoltzfus, Ben F. (Katie Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R2, a dau. **Linda Jane**, December 24
Stoltzfus, Benjamin S. (Annie L. Stoltzfus) Nottingham R2, a son, **Amos S.**, December 24
Stoltzfus, Christian S. (Rebecca B. Ebersol) Honey Brook R2, a son **Amos E.**, November 5
Stoltzfus, Daniel K. (Rebecca S. Esh) Ronks R1, a daughter **Ruth E.**, December 15
Stoltzfus, David E. (Sara Ann Lapp) Ronks R1, a dau. **Mary**, Dec. 12
Stoltzfus, Elam (Katie King) Kirkwood R1, a dau. **Fannie**, Dec. 15
Stoltzfus, Henry B. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a dau. **Nancy**, Dec. 17
Stoltzfus, Isaac (Marian Stoltzfus) Lancaster, a dau. **Marian**, Dec. 17
Stoltzfus, Levi M. (Lizzie K. Esh) Leola, a dau. **Barbara**, December 2
Stoltzfus, Levi S. (Sadie S. King) Parkesburg R2, a son **Chester**, Dec11
Stoltzfus, Paul (Fannie Beiler) Bird-in-Hand, a dau. **Esther Lynn**, December 28
Stoltzfus, Samuel (Elsie Beiler) Gap R1, a daughter, December 22
Stoltzfus, Stephen L. (Annie King) Leola R1, a dau. **Elizabeth K. Dec 4**
Yoder, Benjamin J. (Fannie Mae Stoltzfus) Narvon R2, a daughter **Katie Ann**, November 30
Zook, Aaron S. (Mattie Miller) Strasburg R1, a son **Melvin S.**, Dec. 25
Zook, David G. (Sarah Lapp) Lititz, a daughter **Sylvia**, November 14
Zook, Ephraim G. Zook (Sarah S. Blank) Lititz, a son **Gideon B.**, Dec27
Zook, Samuel F. (Lydia B. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a dau. **Hannah S.**, December 18

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Troyer, Abe M. Jr. (Mattie Renno) Mifflintown R2, a son **Roman**, December 4

Adams County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Omar R. (Barbara B. Fisher) a daughter **Edith**, Dec. 16

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania

Byler, Norman (Salinda Zook) Belleville, a son **Elmer**, December 7
Kanagy, John (Mary Renno) Belleville, a son **Amos**, December 22
Peachey, Elmer (Mary Zook) Belleville, a son **Simon**, November 29
Peachey, Sylvan (Katie Swarey) Belleville, a son **Titus**, December 29
Swarey, Jacob (Susan Peachey) Belleville, a son **Sylvanus**, Dec. 11
Wengerd, Samuel (Hettie M. Peachey) Belleville, a son **Reuben**, Dec25

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Esh, Amos (Mary Kauffman) Newburg R1, a dau. **Rachel**, Nov. 12
Esh, John (Sara Stoltzfus) Newburg R1, a son **Reuben**, November 13
Fisher, Elmer (Lydia Kauffman) Orrstown R1, a son **Reuben**, Nov. 16

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Fisher, Bennie N. (Annie Yoder) Springs, a son **Titus**, December 6
Kinsinger, Roy H. (Susie Hershberger) Meyersdale, a son **Elvin Ray**, December 13
Yoder, Simon C. (Ruth Brenneman) Salesbury, a dau. **Fannie**, Nov. 30
Zook, Lewis A. (Hettie Yoder) Meyersdale, a dau. **Elizabeth**, Sept. 3

Crawford Co., Pennsylvania

Fehr, John (Amanda Gingerich) Conneautville R3, a son **Kevin Anthony**, December 7
Fisher, Menno (Mary Z. Stoltzfus) Conneautville R3, a daughter **Rose Mary**, December 11, died December 14

Wayne County, Ohio

Bowman, Reuben (Verna Weaver) Orville R3, a son **John**, Dec. 12
Mast, Daniel D. Jr. (Ella Kay Hershberger) Orrville R3, a dau. Dec. 25
Mast, Eli D. (Sarah Mae Graber) Orrville R3, a dau. **Susie**, Dec. 15
Miller, Joe M. (Mary Yoder) Apple Creek R2, a dau. **Linda**, Nov. 22
Miller, John A. (Emma Troyer) Fredericksburg R2, a dau. **Sarah**, November 22
Yoder, Eli J. (Anna Wengard) Fredericksburg R2, a dau. **Mattie**, December 2
Troyer, Andy M. (Anna Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a dau. **Susan**, December 26

Holmes County, Ohio

Gingerich, Mahlon A. (Esta Miller) Millersburg, a son **Gerald**, Dec. 12
Hershberger, Ervin E. (Verna Schlabach) Beach City R1, a dau. **Ada**, December 6
Kauffman, Abe J. (Mary Yoder) Dundee R2, a dau. **Susan**, December 3
Mast, Dan D. (Ella Kay Hershberger) Orrville, a dau. **Ruby Christina**, December 25
Mast, Sam E. (Sara Yoder) Fresno R3, a son **Amos**, December 13
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A., Millersburg R6, a daughter, Dec. 1
Miller, Atlee J. (Mattie Kline) Millersburg R5, a son, December 27
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Christ M. Miller, Millersburg R6, a son, Dec. 3
Miller, Mose A. (Edna S. Hershberger) Dundee R2, a dau. **Mae**, Dec22
Miller, Reuben N. (Betty Yoder) a son **Jonathan**, December 14
Raber, Roman E. (Fannie Mast) Baltic R1, a dau. **Edna**, December 17
Schlabach, John Jr. (Katie Miller) Baltic R1, a son, December 28
Yoder, David A. (Elsie Raber) a son **David Lee**
Yoder, Henry L. (Betty Miller) Millersburg R5, a dau. **Rosanna**, Dec22
Yoder, Levi E. A. (Esther Burkholder) Millersburg R2, a daughter **Sarah Ann**, December 15
Yoder, Michael E. (Mary Borntrager) a son **Michael**, December 11
Yoder, Owen A. (Esther Yoder) a daughter **Rose Anna**, November 17

Hicksville, [illegible]

Yoder, Noah (Sara Mae Troyer) a [illegible]

Adams County, Indiana

Graber, Amos R. (Leah L. Eicher) Geneva R2, a son [illegible]
Graber, Christ S. (Lizzie Zook) Monroe R1, a son **Sam**[illegible]
Graber, Jonas J. (Mattie Lambright) [illegible]
Hilty, Menno J. (Elizabeth N. Schwartz) [illegible]
Schwartz, Harvey D. (Carol Schwartz) Berne R1, a dau. [illegible]
Schwartz, Jake T. (Rosa B. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a dau. [illegible] November 21
Schwartz, John E. (Anna Coblentz) Geneva R2, a dau. **Mattie**, Dec. 7
Schwartz, Menno M. (Barbara Eicher) Geneva R1, a son **Johnny**, Dec.
Wickey, Aaron (Melinda S. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a dau. **Melinda**, November 13
Wickey, Jacob L. (Rebecca Christner) Geneva R1, a dau. **Rebecca**, November 22
Wickey, Jerry (Anna Weaver) Decatur R6, a dau. **Rebecca**, Nov. 27

Allen County, Indiana

Graber, Ben (Rosa Delagrange) a son **Matthew**, December 25
Graber, Jacob (Elizabeth Zehr) a daughter **Emma**, December 11
Graber, Wilmer (Betty Graber) a son **Steven**, December 14
Miller, John (Susan Eicher) a daughter **Rosina**, December 9
Schmucker, Louie (Margaret Eicher) a daughter **Margaret**, Dec. 20
Wagler, Henry (Barbara Miller) a daughter **Mary**, December 24

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Ervin A. (Irene Lambright) Millersburg R1, a daughter **Treva E.**, December 1
Miller, Albert J. (Esther L. Yoder) Topeka R2, a dau. **Erma**, Dec. 17
Miller, Floyd U. (Anna M. Yoder) LaGrange R4, a dau. **Erma Arlene**, December 9
Miller, Harley Jay (Wilma Beachy) Goshen R1, a son **Marvin Eugene**, December 19
Miller, Melvin (Lydia Troyer) Shipshewana R1, a son, December 10
Otto, Fred M. (Mary J. Miller) LaGrange R4, a dau. **Dora F.**, Nov. 27
Schrock, Abe A. (Miriam Lambright) LaGrange, a son **Ezra**, Dec.
Weaver, Delbert (Susie Miller) LaGrange R2, a son **LeRoy D.**, Dec. 8
Yoder, Floyd J. (Anna Graber) Shipshewana R2, a son, December 10
Yoder, Levi R. (Clara M. Brandenberger) LaGrange R1, a daughter **Kathryn Kay**, December 22

Elkhart County, Indiana

Graber, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, Middlebury, a daughter, December 7
Mast, Ora J. (Effie Mae Schwartz) Middlebury, twin sons, **Joel Devon and Jerry Dean**, December 1
Miller, Calvin (LeEtta Miller) Middlebury, a son, December 16
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne, Shipshewana R1, a daughter **Amanda Louise**, December 27
Miller, Marvin R. (Amanda Knepp) Goshen, a son, December 8
Schrock, Ernest L. (Anna Mae Hochstetler) Goshen a son, Dec. 14
Yoder, Elva (Leola Chupp) Millersburg R1, a son **Dale Lynn**, Dec. 12
Yoder, Henry A. Jr. (Emma Helmuth) Goshen, a daughter, Nov. 29
Yoder, Jonnie (Betty Nisley) Goshen, a dau. **Ella Fern**, December 16

Nappanee, Indiana

Barkman, Samuel (Mary Chupp) Napanee R2, a dau. **Sheryl Ann**, December 16
Burkholder, Walter Jr. (Eva Kemp) a son **Aaron**, December 26
Helmuth, Merle L. (Nora Miller) Breman R1, a dau. **Gloria**, Dec. 3
Yoder, Alvin Ray (Alta Miller) Nappanee R3, a dau. **Carolyn**, Dec. 20

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Glen (Beulah Graber) Loogootee R2, a son **Melvin Dale**, Dec28
Knepp, Ben (Agnes Graber) Odon, a dau. **Ladonna Sue**, December 15
Knepp, Darrell (Eva Graber) Odon, a son **Shawn**, December 14
Knepp, Harry W. (Laura Stoll) Montgomery R1, a son **Craig Eugene**, December 19
Knepp, Paul (Martha Lengacher) Montgomery R1, a son **Paul Kenneth** December 22
Knepp, Willis (Nora Graber) Montgomery R1, a daughter, Dec. 31
Raber, Jacob (Anna Knepp) Loogootee, a dau. **Regina Rose**, Dec. 10
Stoll, Melvin (Frances Lengacher) Montgomery R1, a daughter **Alta Marlene**, December 20
Wagler, Francis (Margaret Graber) a daughter, **Marilyn**, December 10
Wagler, Marvin N. (Ella Weaver) Odon, a son, **David**, December 9
Wagler, Noah B. (Anna Marie Knepp) Montgomery R1, a son **Eli**, December 16

Arthur, Illinois

Schrock, Owen (Katie Fern Diener) a son **Marvin**, December 28

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[illegible] Dover R2, a son **Raymond J.**, Dec.
Beachy, Lewis [illegible]
Byler, David A. (Millie [illegible]
Byler, Simon H. (Barbara Miller) Hart[illegible]
Coblentz, Elmer M. (Mattie Coblentz) Hartley R1, a dau. **Alma**, Nov23
Detweiler, Henry Jr. (Barbara Ann Byler) Dover R2, a dau. **Lena**, November 8
Hershberger, Jonas Jr. (Alma Yoder) Dover R2, a dau. **Ruth**, Dec. 13
King, Ervin J. (Polly Miller) Dover R2, a dau. **Barbara**, December 9
Mast, Amos S. (Anna Mary Bontrager) Hartley R1, a son **Ivan**, Dec. 30
Miller, Alvin J. (Barbara Sue Byler) Hartley R1, a son **Jacob**, Dec. 18
Miller, Joe W. (Malinda Miller) Wyoming R1, a son **William Ray**, Dec 5
Miller, William W. Jr. (Sarah Ann Miller) Dover R2, a son **Eli**, Dec. 30
Swartzentruber, Henry E. (Getrude Mast) Hartley R1, a daughter **Lydia Mae**, November 5
Yoder, Ammon J. (Lizzie Yoder) Hartley R1, a son **Joseph**, Nov. 28

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Stoltzfus, Gideon (Hannah Hostetler) Charlotte Hall, a dau. **Katie**, December 23
Swarey, Mose (Nancy Zook) Charlotte Hall, a dau. **Susie**, December 27

Ethridge, Tennessee

Gingerich, Peter H. (Lydia N. Stutzman) a daughter, **Katie**, Dec. 27
Hershberger, Jacob D. (Emma U. Gingerich) a son **Jacob**, Dec. 25
Hostetler, Sammie J. M. (Emma E. Stutzman) a dau. **Millie**, Dec.

Audrian County, Missouri

Gingerich, Jacob C. (Katie Shetler) Clark, a daughter **Ida**, December 7
Gingerich, Ura C. (Barbara Miller) Clark, a daughter, **Mary**, Dec. 24
Miller, Chrissie (Anna Borntreger) Clark, a son **Daniel**, December 7
Miller, Ezra F. (Alma Bontrager) Clark, a daughter **Susie**, December
Miller, Jacob J. (Lydia Borntreger) Clark, a son **Joe**, December 29

Anabel, Missouri

Bontrager, Eli J. (Lizzie Chupp) Anabel, a son **Joe**, November 2

Jamesport, Missouri

Hostetler, Chester S. (Irene Troyer) a daughter **Karen Kaye**, Dec. 22
Hostetler, Jonas W. (Sarah Kurtz) a daughter **Katie**, December 27
Yoder, Absolam L. (Elsie Beechy) a son **John**, December 12

Marshfield, Missouri

Byler, Allen (Barbara Yoder) a daughter **Rhoda**, December 5
Lee, John (Katie Yoder) a daughter **Lizzie**, December 23
Yoder, Ruben (Mary Yoder) a son **Jerry**, December 8

Mayes County, Oklahoma

Yoder, David (Marie Burkholder) a son **Jacob Lamar**, November 28
Yoder, Perry (Sylvia Gingerich) a daughter **Malinda Sue**, Nov. 21

Garnett, Kansas

Miller, Andy (Susan Yoder) Garnett R3, a dau. **Rosie Marie**, Nov. 28

Johnson County, Iowa

Overholt, Joseph (Laura Miller) a daughter **Anna Rose**, December 21
Ropp, Wilbur (Verna Helmuth) a daughter **Dena**, December 12
Yoder, Vernon (Inez Kauffman) a son **Caleb Paul**, December 21

Buchanan County, Iowa

Bontrager, Joe J. (Anna Raber) Hazleton, a dau. **Vera**, December 6
Bontrager, Simeon (Verna Beechy) Hazleton, a daughter **Esther**, Dec2
Helmuth, Rudy (Lydia Gingerich) Hazleton, **Ferman**, December 25
Nisly, Emanuel (Katherine Helmuth) Hazleton, a son **Eli**, December 11
Yoder, Andy (Amelia Kauffman) Hazleton, a son **Joe**, December

Medford, Wisconsin

Borntrager, David T. (Susie Mast) a son **Joseph D.**, November 16
Borntrager, Felty (Millie Miller) a son **Levi**, November 28
Miller, Jacob (Alma Schmucker) a son **Paul**, November
Yoder, Joe (Elizabeth Miller) a daughter **Amanda**, November 11

Amherst, Wisconsin

Borntrager, Levi (Ella Borntrager) a son **Amos**, December 6
Borntreger, Noah (Clara Bontrager) a daughter **Ruth**, December 11

Blair, Wisconsin

Lambright, Felty A. (Polly) a son **Samuel**, December 7

Wilton, Wisconsin

Miller, Levi J. (Lizzie Borntreger) Wilton, a son **Jonas**, December 19
Stutzman, Perry (Mary Hershberger) Wilton, a dau. **Emma**, Dec. 28

Cashton, Wisconsin

Borntreger, Phineas (Sadie Kauffman) a son **Rudy**, November 5
Detweiler, Jake (Fannie) a son **Lester**, November 8
Kempf, Harvey (Anna Yoder) a daughter, November 25
Lee, Enos (Nancy Sommers) a son **Daniel**, November 14
Miller, Harvey (Elvesta) a daughter **Esther**, November 26
Schmucker, Chris (Catherine Miller) a son **Vernon**, October 23

Centreville, Michigan

Bontrager, Amos (Katie Bontrager) a stillborn daughter, December 7
Bontrager, Marvin (Alma Miller) Burr Oak R1, a son **Lavern Ray**, December 26
Hochstetler, Melvin (Orpha Bontrager) Centreville R1, a son **Alvin**, December 16
Kauffman, Joseph A. (Lizzie Hochstedler) Mendon R2, a son **Milo Ray**, December 4
Miller, Marvin (Clara Borkholder) Centreville R1, a son **Elva**, Dec. 16

Bronson, Michigan

Bontrager, Menno (Susie Schlabach) Bronson R2, a son **David**, Dec. 5

Branch County, Michigan

Schwartz, Daniel S. (Sarah M. Eicher) Quincy, a dau. **Mattie**, Dec. 8

Camden, Michigan

Graber, Levi Jr. (Elizabeth Eicher) Camden R1, a son **Benjamin**, Dec 2
Graber, Pete (Margaret Girod) Camden R2, a son **David**, November 26

Marriages

Dover, Delaware

Byler, Mast - Raymond, son of Rudy S. and Lydia Byler, to Lizzie Ann, daughter of Preacher Andy H. and Sarah Mast, November 8, by Bishop John J. Yoder.

Hershberger, Byler - Truman, son of Preacher Levi L. and Sarah Hershberger, of Andover, Ohio, to Sylvia, daughter of Preacher Joe G. and Barbara Byler, November 17, by Bishop Leroy J. Yoder.

Byler, Miller - Joe, son of Bishop Noah S. and Barbara Byler of Gorrie, Ontario, to Alma, daughter of William E. and Laura Mae Miller, December 29, by Bishop Noah Byler.

Montour Co., Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Fisher - Amos K., son of Samuel U. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, to Mary, daughter of Benuel and Arie (Smucker) Fisher, December 6.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Andy, son of Benuel and Fannie (Hertzler) Stoltzfus, to Fannie, daughter of Samule U. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, December 8.

Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania

Peight, Swarey - Louis, son of Samuel and Sarah (Swarey) Peight, to Sarah, daughter of Preacher Jacob and Ella (Byler) Swarey, December 22, by Bishop Crist B. Peachey.

Franklin Co., Pennsylvania

Beiler, Kauffman - Ben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beiler, Quarryville, to Eva, daughter of Sam and Eva Kauffman, Newbury R1, November 10, by Bishop John Schlabaugh.

Esh, Lee - Aaron, son of Sara and the late Stephen J. Esh, Paradise, to Anna Mary, daughter of Stephen and Susie Lee, Newburg R1, November 22, by Bishop Daniel A. Miller.

Holmes County, Ohio

Yoder, Raber - Widower Roman S. Yoder of New Bedford, to Widow Katie Ann Raber, Millersburg, December 29, by Bishop Dan J. D. Miller.

Wayne County, Ohio

Troyer, Yoder - Ura Jr., son of Ura and Mattie (Schlabach) Troyer, to Mae, daughter of Ruth and the late Bishop Milan Yoder, December 15.

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Wagler - John, son of Menno and Esther (Gingerich) Graber, to Wilma, daughter of Bishop Ben and Mary (Graber) Wagler, December 6, by Bishop Joseph Graber.

Knepp, Lengacher - Marvin Ray, son of Raymond and Verda, to Alta Viola, daughter of Ezra and Rosa (Wagler) Lengacher, December 4.

SToll, Knepp - Larry, son of Leroy and Rosa (Knepp) Stoll, to Esther, daughter of Harvey and Lydia (Wagler) Knepp, December 11, by Bishop Amos Graber.

Allen County, Indiana

Schwartz, Schmidt - Aaron, son of Samuel and Marie (Steury) Schwartz, to Priscilla, daughter of David and Mary (Schmucker) Schmidt, December 22, by Bishop Mose Schmidt, Adams Co.,

Adams County, Indiana

Eicher, Eicher - Emanuel M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben B. Eicher, Geneva R1, to Verena L. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. Eicher, Geneva R2, December 11.

Schwartz, Girod - Emanuel E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Schwartz, Geneva R1, to Emma B., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Girod, Monroe R1, December 22.

Schwartz, Wickey - Joe E. J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. J. Schwartz, Berne R2, to Caroline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wickey, Berne R1, November 3.

Schwartz, Eicher - Merle A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos A. Schwartz, Berne R1, to Christine M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben B. Eicher, Geneva R1, November 27

Elkhart County, Indiana

Weaver, Yoder - Widower Samuel L., LaGrange R4, to Ida Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yoders, Middlebury, December 8.

Arthur, Illinois

Chupp, Hostetler - Elva, son of Ervin and Lizzie (Hostetler) Chupp, to Alta, daughter of Joe Hostetler, Jamesport, Missouri, December 29.

Miller, Miller - Kenneth, son of Elmer S. and Amanda (Herschberger) Miller, to Dorothy, daughter of Mrs. Edna Miller, December 1.

Ethridge, Tennessee

Zook, Gingerich - Levi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi J. Zook, Lodi, Ohio, to Amelia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Gingerich, December 8, by Bishop Eli J. Hostetler.

Gingerich, Hostetler - David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Gingerich, to Millie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli J. Hostetler, December 15, by Bishop Eli N. Stutzman.

Canton, Minnesota

Hershberger, Petersheim - Jerry, son of Jacob and Lydia Hershberger, to Lydiann, daughter of Henry J. and Katie Petersheim, December 1.

Shop Patrons - A Message

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Marriages

Lancaster Co., Pa. Marriages of 1977

Beiler, Stoltzfoos - Alvin, son of Levi and Rachel (Esh) Beiler, Kirkwood R1, to Fannie, daughter of David F. and Sadie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfoos, New Providence R2, November 29, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus

Beiler, King - Amos S. Jr., son of Amos L. and Sarah E. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Paradise R1, to Lizzie K., daughter of Ezra and Arie K. (King) King, Kinzers, November 3, by Bishop Amos L. Beiler.

Beiler, Smoker - Benjamin L., son of Jonas F. and Katie K. (Lapp) Beiler, Ronks R1, to Ruth Ann, daughter of Michael K. and Katie B. (King) Smoker, Ronks R1, November 8, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

Beiler, Stoltzfus - Emanuel B., son of Omar K. and Anna B. (Blank) Beiler, Leola R1, to Lavina E., daughter of Samuel L. and Malinda (Esh) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, December 13, by Bishop Samuel S. Kauffman.

Beiler, Stoltzfus - Ephraim, son of John and Anna Mary (Esh) Beiler, Quarryville R3, to Rebecca, daughter of Samuel L. and Fannie K. (Blank) Stoltzfus, November 17, by Bishop John K. Beiler.

Beiler, Glick - Melvin B., son of Phares E. and Mary (Beiler) Beiler, Ronks R1, to Sarah K., daughter of Abner R. and the late Fannie S. (King) Glick, Gap R1, November 1, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

Beiler, Fisher - Paul A., son of Amos K. and Fannie E. (Esh) Beiler, Quarryville R3, to Katie G., daughter of Stephen S. and Katie S. (Glick) Fisher, November 10, by Bishop Samuel S. Kauffman.

Blank, Esh - Christian S., son of David K. and Malinda L. (Stoltzfus) Blank, Lancaster, to Sadie B., daughter of Eli B. and Fannie S. (Blank) Esh, November 29, by Bishop David K. Blank.

Blank, Lapp - David G., son of John R. and Barbara S. (Glick) Blank, Christiana R2, to Mattie R., daughter of John A. and Katie E. (Riehl) Lapp, Kirkwood R1, November 10, by Bishop David K. Blank.

Dienner, Beiler - Amos E., son of Gideon S. and Rebecca K. (Stoltzfus) Dienner, Gordonville R1, to Martha, daughter of Elmer F. and Anna E. (Riehl) Beiler, Gap R1, November 10, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus.

Ebersole, Fisher - Widower Alvin, Leola, to Mary, daughter of Samuel and Katie (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Ronks R1, February 3, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

Ebersole, Beiler - Joseph R., son of Jonas and Sarah Z. (Riehl) Ebersole, Gordonville R1, to Hannah, daughter of Gideon B. and Sarah B. (Zook) Beiler, New Holland R3, November 22, by Bishop Jonas Ebersole.

Esh, Allgyer - Aaron K., son of Jonas S. and Sarah S. (King) Esh, Ronks R1, to Sadie S., daughter of John M. and Elizabeth B. (Stoltzfus) Allgyer, Bird-in-Hand R1, November 22, by Bishop Christ B. Riehl.

Esh, Dienner - Daniel R., son of Jonas S. and Lydia S. (Stoltzfus) Esh, Narvon R1, to Miriam S., daughter of Isaac L. and Barbara S. (Glick) Dienner, Gap R1, November 24, by Bishop Abe B. Schwartz.

Esh, Stoltzfus - David S., son of Ephraim S. and Sarah L. (Stoltzfus) Esh, Leola R1, to Fannie B., daughter of Levi L. and Sarah (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Leola R1, November 3, by Aaron Esh.

Esh, Esh - Emanuel S., son of Samuel A. and Mary S. (Smucker) Esh, Paradise R1, to Rachel L., daughter of Samuel L. and Rebecca S. (Smucker) Esh, Gordonville R1, November 24, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman

Esh, Esh - John F., son of David Z. and Mary B. (Lapp) Esh, Gordonville R1, to Susie S., daughter of Jonas K. and Naomi F. (Stoltzfus) Esh, November 24, by Bishop Enos Esh.

Esh, King - Reuben S., son of Daniel S. and Elizabeth R. (Stoltzfus) Esh, Paradise R1, to Anna Mary, daughter of Daniel E. and Mary L. (Lapp) King, New Holland, R3, December 6, by Bishop Amos E. King.

Fisher, Dienner - Christ K., son of Emanuel L. and Rebecca S. (King) Fisher, Gordonville R2, to Naomi S., daughter of Daniel S. and Susie S. (Smucker) Dienner, Gap R1, November 22, by Bishop Amos L. Beiler.

Fisher, Lantz - David A., son of Jospeh S. and Mattie (Esh) Fisher, Ronks R2, to Verna Mae, daughter of Benjamin S. and Mary E. (Kauffman) Lantz, Paradise R1, November 15, by Bishop John F. Glick.

Fisher, Lapp - David D. son of David H. and Lizzie M. (King) Fisher, Ronks R1, to Lavina S., daughter of Christ S. and Sadie S. (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Gordonville R1, November 3, by Jonas Ebersole.

Beiler, Fisher - David F., son of John S. and Leah (Flaud) Beiler, Gordonville R1, to Malinda S., daughter of Amos C. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Strasburg R1, November 22, by Bishop Amos S. Lapp.

Fisher, Glick - Isaac L., son of Amos S. and Leah S. (Lapp) Fisher, Christiana, to Barbara F., daughter of Daniel S. and Barbara F. (Stoltzfus) Glick, Bird-in-Hand R1, November 17, by Bishop Daniel S. Fisher.

Fisher, Beiler - Jacob S., son of Levi and Lizzie (Smucker) Fisher, Strasburg R1, to Mary S., daughter of Israel and Nancy (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Christiana R1, November 15, by Bishop Henry S. Fisher.

Fisher, Stoltzfus - John D. son of Stephen U. and Sarah S. (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Gordonville R2, to Fannie L., daughter of Samuel P. and Rachel B. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, November 1, by Bishop Daniel S. Fisher.

Fisher, Fisher - John S. son of David E. and Anna L.(Stoltzfus) Fisher, Ronks R1, to Sara L., daughter of Isaac S. and Fannie K. (lapp) Fisher, Gordonville R2, November 10, by Daniel S. Fisher.

Fisher, Stoltzfus - John U., son of John E. and Rachel (Kauffman) Fisher, Loganton R2, to Fannie F., daughter of Menno B. and Katie S. (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Paradise, November 3, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman.

Fisher, Fisher - Levi E. Jr., son of Levi E. Sr. and Mary K. (King) Fisher,Kinzers R1,to Naomi P., daughter of Abner and Elizabeth R. (Petersheim) Fisher, Bart, November 8, by Aaron Esh.

Fisher, Riehl - Mose P., son of Abner and Lizzie R. (Petersheim) Fisher, Bart, to Nancy Jane,daughter of Mose E. and Lena S.(Smucker) Riehl, Gap R1, November 3, by Samuel F. Stoltzfus.

Fisher, Yoder - Omar E., son of John S. and Barbara S. (Esh) Fisher, Lancaster, to Sallie Ann, daughter of Christ S. and Rebecca A. (Stoltzfus) Yoder, Kinzers R1, November 17, by Bishop John F. Glick.

Fisher, Stoltzfus - Samuel B., son of Emanuel S. and Katie F. (Beiler) Fisher, Christiana R1, to Susan L., daughter of Levi L. and Sarah S. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, Novmeber 24, by Bishop John F. Glick

Fisher, Stoltzfus - Samuel K., son of Samuel M. and Annie S. (King) Fisher, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Priscilla, daughter of Israel S. and Suvilla F. (Blank) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, December 1, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

Glick, Lapp - Widower Amos Glick, to Widow Susie (King) Lapp, February 24, by Bishop John S. Glick.

Glick, Stoltzfus - David R., son of Joseph S. and Susie S. (Stoltzfus) Glick, Bird-in-Hand, to Katie L., daughter of Jesse M. and Rebecca B. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Leola R1, November 3, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

Huyard, King - Jesse B., son of Elam F. and Sarah B. (Bawell) Huyard, New Holland R1, to Sadie S., daughter of Elam S. and Rachel S. (Smucker) King, Strasburg R1, December 6, by Amos G. Esh.

King, Petersheim - Amos F., son of Christ K. and Barbara L. (Fisher) King, Leola R1, to Emma K., daughter of Elmer F. and Fannie K. (King) Petersheim, Ronks R1, December 8, by Daniel S. Fisher.

King, Blank - Amos K., son of David S. and Emma R., (King) King, Gordonville R2, to Naomi E., daughter of Benuel S. and Annie M. (Esh) Blank, Narvon R2, November 24, by Gideon King.

King, King - Benjamin S., son of Daniel K. and Annie E. (Stoltzfus) King, Ephrata R2, to Barbara E., daughter of Elam K. and Malinda P. (Esh) King, Leola R1, November 11, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

King, Beiler - Christian E., son of John K. and Emma K. (Stoltzfus) King, Paradise R1, to Naomi B., daughter of Elam H. and Katie L. (Beiler) Beiler, Paradise R1, November 29, by Bishop Dan A. Yoder.

King, Stoltzfus - Daniel Jr., son of Daniel E. and Mary (Lapp) King, New Holland R3, to Ruth B., daughter of David L. and Lydia (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2, November 22, by Amos E., King.

King, King - David Z., son of Jospeh B. and Lydia Z. (King) King, Lancaster, to Mary S., daughter of Aaron K. and Katie R. (Stoltzfus) King, Paradise, November 3, by Bishop John J. Yoder.

King, Esh - Eli S., son of David F., and Sadie S. (Stoltzfus) King, Lancaster, to Nancy L., daughter of David Z. and Mary B. (Lapp) Esh, Gordonville R1, November 1, by Bishop Enos Esh.

King, King - Jacob S., son of Amos B. and Sarah K. (Stoltzfus) King, Paradise R1, to Emma K., daughter of John E., and Emma B. (Stoltzfus) King, Paradise R1, November 24, by Bishop Amos L. Beiler.

King, King - John K., son of Levi E. and Rebecca S. (King) King, Gordonville R1, to Leah Mary, daughter of John K. and Lavina E. (Stoltzfus) King, Gap R1, November 10, by Bishop Amos E. King.

King, King - John S., son of Christian S. and Ada (Ebersole) King, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Lydia K., daughter of David S. and Emma R. (King) King, November 29, by Bishop Gideon King.

King, Stoltzfus - Jonas K., son of John E. and Emma B. (King) King, Paradise R1, to Katie Ann, daughter of Levi and Katie H. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Coatesville R2, November 17, by Amos L. Beiler.

King, Beiler - Jonas Z., son of David R. and Katie L. (Zook) King, Strasburg R1, to Fannie S., daughter of Melvin J. and Katie B. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Gordonville R1, November 10, by Bishop Jonas Ebersole.

King, Smucker - Joseph, son of John B. and Barbara (Zook) King, Christiana R1, to Annie daughter of Jacob E. and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Leola R1, November 22, by Levi E. Stoltzfus.

King, Glick - Moses S., son of David L. and Rebecca K. (Stoltzfus) King, Ronks R2, to Lizzie F., daughter of Mose K. and Annie L. (Lapp) Glick, Quarryville R3, November 8, by Bishop John K. Beiler.

Lapp, Fisher - Gideon, son of Samuel and Sarah L. (Dienner) Lapp, Leola, to Mary, daughter of Jonas E. and Anna (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Ronks R2, November 17, by Bishop David K. Blank.

Lapp, King - John E., son of Amos L. and Annie M. (Esh) Lapp, Ronks R1, to Naomi, daughter of Levi and Rebecca S. (King) King, Gordonville R1, November 24, by Bishop Amos E. King.

Petersheim, King - Christ B., son of Malinda F. (Beiler) and the late Isaac Petersheim, Bird-inHand R1, to Esther, daughter of Abram K. and Sarah (Beiler) King, Lancaster, November 15, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

Riehl, Lapp - Benuel S., son of Christ B. and Mary L. (Stoltzfus) Riehl, Ronks R1, to Anna S., daughter of Amos B. and Mattie L. (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Gordonville R1, November 8, by Christ B. Riehl

Riehl, Fisher - Reuben E., son of Ephraim D. and Rebecca E. (Esh) Riehl, Leola R1, to Miriam S., daughter of David E. and Anna L. (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Ronks R1, November 24, by Bishop Aaron Esh.

Smucker, King - Christian L., son of Elmer S. and Fannie B. (Lapp) Smucker, Narvon R1, to Naomi J., daughter of Joel F. Jr., and Miriam S. (Fisher) King, Gap R1, December 6, by Bishop Gideon King.

Smucker, King - Daniel K., son of Daniel E. and Barbara S. (King) Smucker, Strasburg R1, to Rachel Z., daughter of Joseph B. and Lydia Z. (Zook) King, Lancaster, December 1, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

Smucker, Kauffman - David F., son of Daniel B. and Mary S. (Fisher) Smucker, Gordonville R1, to Mary E., daughter of Samuel S. and Sarah K. (Esh) Kauffman, Christiana R1, November 8, by Bishop Henry S. Fisher.

Smucker, Huyard - David Y., son of Jacob E. and Malinda E. (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Leola R1, to Esther F., daughter of Amos F. and Lavina K. (Fisher) Huyard, New Holland R3, November 17, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus.

Smucker, King - Eli, son of David J. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Narvon R1, to Mary, daughter of Christ K. and Barbara (Fisher) King, Leola R1, November 24, by John U. Stoltzfus.

Smucker, Esh - Elmer L. Jr., son of Elmer L. Sr. and Fannie L. (Lapp) Smucker, Narvon R1, to Katie B., daughter of Sadie L. (Beiler) and the late Elmer D. Esh, Ronks, November 15, by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp.

Stoltzfoos, Fisher - David B. son of Samuel P. and Fannie Z. (Beiler) Stoltzfoos, Gap R1, to Barbara S.,daughter of Elsie A. (Stoltzfus), and the late David K. Fisher, Christiana R1, November 15, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Fisher - Ephraim B., son of Levi E. and the late Sylvia B. (Bawell) Stoltzfoos, to Esther B., daughter of John J. and Fannie B. (Beiler) Fisher, Leola R1, December 8, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Glick - Widower Levi S. Stoltzfoos, to Widow Annie S. (Stoltzfus) Glick, May 5, by Henry S. Fisher.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Widower Amos B., Leola R1, to Lena, daughter of the late Jacob S. and Fannie B. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand, March 10, by Levi E. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, King - Amos E., son of John M. and Katie B. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, to Naomi S., daughter of Katie S. (Stoltzfus) and the late Daniel E. King, Morgantown R1, November 10, by Bishop John U. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Amos K., son of Stephen E. and Rebecca L. (King) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, to Rachel S., daughter of Christ E. and Rebecca S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, November 3, by Bishop Jacob M. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Amos L., son of Annie (Esh) and the late Ephraim Stoltzfus, Gap R1, to Edna, daughter of Levi A. and Katie H. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Coatesville R2, November 17, by Bishop Amos L. Beiler.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Benuel H., son of Benuel S. and Fannie (Hertzler) Stoltzfus, Danville R2, to Mary F., daughter of John B. and Susan E. (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, November 22, by Bishop Amos M. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Esh - Widower Christ, Bird-in-Hand, to Amanda, daughter of Leah (Smoker) and the late Amos A. Esh, Intercourse, September 29, by Bishop Enos Beiler.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Christ S., son of Steven L. and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, to Annie E., daughter of Isaac S. and Miriam M. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Lancaster, November 8, by Bishop Enos M. Beiler.

Stoltzfus, Beiler - Daniel L., son of Levi L. and Sarah L. (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, to Emma F., daughter of Christ L. and Lydia B. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Lancaster, November 15, by Bishop Henry Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Daniel M., son of Jonas B. and Malinda K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, to Anna F., daughter of John L. and Malinda G. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honeybrook R2, December 6, by Bishop Jonas B. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Riehl - David B., son of Katie L. (Beiler) and the late Levi M. Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, to Barbara G., daughter of Ben B., and Barbara (Glick) Riehl, Ronks R1, November 15, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Beiler - David S., son of Sadie B. (Stoltzfus) and the late Jacob S. Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, to Sarah A., daughter of John S. and Hannah F. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Paradise R1, November 22, by Bishop Enos Esh.

Stoltzfus, Blank - Earl L., son of Elmer and Naomi S. (Lantz) Stoltzfus, Gap R2, to Barbara F., daughter of Katie B. (Fisher) and the late Jacob K. Blank, Kinzers R1, November 22, by Bishop John F. Glick.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Erbie, son of John M. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, to Fannie, daughter of John K. and Sarah E. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, December 1, by Joseph Graber.

Stoltzfus, Fisher - Gideon, son of Amos M. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand, to Katie E., daughter of Sadie S. (Esh) and the late Aaron K. Fisher, Strasburg R1, November 1, by Bishop Amos M. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - John B., son of Levi and Barbara K. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, to Bena, daughter of Eli B. and Katie L. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Strasburg R1, November 8, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - John M., son of Samuel L. and Malinda K. (Esh) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand, to Katie S., daughter of Gideon B. and Mary Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, December 6, by Bishop Samuel S. Kauffman.

Stoltzfus, Lapp - John S., son of Henry L. and Fannie L. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, to Lydia S., daughter of Melvin E. and Rebecca S. (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Lancaster, November 8, by Bishop Henry L. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Fisher - John S., son of Benjamin S. and Naomi S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Leola R1, to Annie E., daughter of Jacob M. and Sadie S. (Esh) Fisher, Gordonville R1, November 10, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

Stoltzfus, Petersheim - John U., son of Sol E. and Rebecca (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Paradise R1, to Mary B., daughter of Malinda B. (Beiler) and the late Isaac F. Petersheim, Bird-in-Hand, November 10, by Bishop Christ B. Riehl.

Stoltzfus, Beiler - Leroy F., son of Katie K. (Fisher) and the late Jacob E. Stoltzfus, Strasburg R1, to Lydia M., daughter of Norman and Fannie (King) Beiler, Narvon R2, November 23, by Bishop Jonathan E. King.

Stoltzfus, King - Levi J., son of Elam J. and Hanna B. (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, to Anna K., daughter of Henry B. and Katie F. (King) King, Christiana R1, November 15, by Bishop Enos Esh.

Stoltzfus, King - Paul B., son of Leroy K. and Leah S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, to Katie B., daughter of Benjamin B. and Emma (Blank) King, New Holland R3, November 17, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

Stoltzfus, Fisher - Reuben L., son of Aaron F. and Sadie B. (Lantz) Stoltzfus, Leola R1, to Sadie Mae, daughter of Sadie S. (Esh) and the late Aaron K. Fisher, Strasburg R1, November 1, by Bishop Amos M. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Samuel E., son of John U. and Katie K. (Esh) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, to Susan F., daughter of Menno B. and Katie S. (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Paradise R2, November 3, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman.

Stoltzfus, Esh - Samuel K., son of Samuel S. and Sarah A. (King) Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3, to Fannie S., daughter of Jonas K. and Naomi F. (Stoltzfus) Esh, Ronks R1, November 24, by Bishop Enos Esh.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Stephen E. Jr., son of Stephen E. Sr. and Rebecca K. (King) Stoltzfus, Gordonville, to Sara Ann, daughter of John K. and Sarah E. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, December 1, By Bishop Joseph L. Graber.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Stevie M., son of John M. and Sylvia B. (Zook) Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, to Lydia B., daughter of Moses D. and Lydia K,. (Blank) Stoltzfus, Gap R1, November 8, by Bishop Moses K. Blank.

Yoder, Ebersole - Daniel, son of Daniel J. and Lizzie S. (Beiler) Yoder, Kirkwood R1, to Annie, daughter of David Z., and Leah (Beiler) Ebersole, Leola, November 29, by Bishop Aaron Esh.

Yoder, Stoltzfus - Daniel S., son of Amos F. and Barbara F. (Stoltzfus) Yoder, Gap R2, to Hannah F., daughter of Samuel M. and Sarah (Glick) Stoltzfus, Christiana R2, November 22, by Bishop Samuel S. Kauffman.

Zook, Fisher - Aaron S., son of John B. and Sarah L. (Stoltzfus) Zook, Kinzers R1, to Emma S., daughter of Christian K. and Katie L. (Allgyer) Fisher, Kinzers R1, November 10, by John F. Glick.

Zook, King - David, son of Isaac and Mattie (King) Zook, Narvon R2, to Barbara, daughter of Aaron F. and Emma (King) King, Gordonville R1, November 17, by Bishop John U. Stoltzfus.

Zook, Miller - Daniel B., son of Jacob S. and Barbara L. (Beiler) Zook, Christiana R1, to Leah K., daughter of Christ S. and Sarah E. (King) Miller, Paradise R1, November 8, by Joel K. Zook.

Zook, King - Samuel K., son of Joel K. and Mary K. (King) Zook, Quarryville R3, to Susie B., daughter of John and Emma (Beiler) King, Kirkwood R1, December 12, by Bishop Joel K. Zook.

Obituaries

Borntrager, Mattie, 93, Anabel, Missouri

died November 15 of dropsey and heart failure, age 93 years, 11 months, and 12 days. She was blind for 9 months from cataracts. She had an operation on one eye at age 91, and could see again but not read. She was sick for 5 weeks preceding her death. She was born at Elkhart, Indiana, December 3, 1883 and was a daughter of the late Daniel J. and Barbara C. (Miller) Hochstetler. She was married to the late Menno L. Borntrager and they were married 58 years. She was a widow for almost 17 years. Surviving are the following 8 children: Alton, Kalona, Iowa; Neal, Anabel, Missouri; Mrs. Sam (Barbara) Chupp, Chouteau, Oklahoma; Eli, Kalona, Iowa; John, Sarasota, Florida; Mrs. Jacob J. (Mary) Gingerich, Clark, Missouri; Emanuel, Kalona, Iowa; Mrs. John Henry (Lizzie) Miller, where she had her home. Also surviving are 53 grandchildren, 232 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, 4 children, 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home on November 17 at 12:00 by Ezra Yoder and Jonas J. Bontrager of Clark, Missouri. Hymn was read by David Gingerich of Clark, Missouri.

Coblentz, Mose J., 75, Millersburg, Ohio

died unexpectedly December 6 at his home after suffering an apparent heart attack. He was born in Holmes County to Jonas M. and Katie (Miller) Coblentz and was married to Susie Weaver on February 3, 1927. He was a retired farmer. Surviving are his wife; a son, Roy M. of Ashland; two daughters, Mrs. Pete (Katie) Miller and Mary coblentz, both of the home; 24 grandchildren; nine greatgrandchildren; a brother, Robert J. of Dundee R1; and six sisters, Mrs. Roy Miller of Fredericksburg, Mrs. Joe Beechy of Millersburg R5, Mrs. Eli N. Yoder of Berlin, Mrs. Lydia Ann Weaver and Mrs. Mose Mast, both of Millersburg and Mrs. Emanuel Hochstetler of Dundee R2.

Funeral services were held December 9 at the home with Bishop William J. Troyer officiating. Burial was in the Locust Hill Cemetery in Holmes County.

Fisher. Rose Mary, 3 days, Conneautville R3, Pennsylvania

died Wednesday morning at the Hamot Hospital, Erie. She is survived by her parents Menno and Mary Fisher, 2 sisters and 4 brothers: Anna, Christian, James, Paul, Menno Jr., and Esther all at home; paternal grandparents Christ and Esther Fisher, Ronks R1; maternal grandparents Paul and Annie Stoltzfus, Bird-inHand

Funeral services were held at the home on Friday by Alvin Beachey and Jacob Nisley, abshied by John Raber, burial at Coblentz Cemetery.

Mast, Lizzie J. 83, Dover, Delaware

died December 30, 1977, age 83 years, 9 months and 19 days. She was married to Henry S. Mast, December 22, 1914. They were married for 63 years and 8 days. She was born in Holmes Co., Ohio, March 11, 1894. Preceding her in death were one son and 2 daughters. She is survived with her husband by 4 sons, one daughter, one brother, 45 grandchildren, 120 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Dan A. Yoder and Preacher Jonas I. Yoder.

Miller, David P., 66, Michigan

died December 2, 1977, age 66 years, 9 months, and 21 days. He was born March 23, 1911 to Peter and Elizabeth (Troyer) in Ford County, Kansas. He was married to Barbara Bontrager on December 4, 1936, they were married for 40 years, 11 months and 28 days, to this union were born 15 children. Surviving are 4 sons, Freeman, Marvin, Edward, Joe, all of Centreville R1; 7 daughters, Rosie wife of Simon Miller, Nappanee, Indiana, Edna, wife of Daniel Schmucker, Esther, wife of Alvin Bontrager, both of Mendon R2, Freida, wife of Ben Bontrager, Anna wife of Glen Miller, both of Centreville, Oma Sue and Leora both at home; 36 grandchildren, one brother, William P. Miller, Centreville R1; 2 sisters, Lydia, wife of Dan Bontrager of Centreville, Polly, wife of Lonnie Miller of Paraguay, South America. He was preceded in death by 4 daughters, parents and 2 brothers.

The funeral services were held at the home in the big and little house by Bishop Irvin Yoder and Samuel Bontrager in the big house and in the little house by minister Lonnie Yoder and Minister Noah Hochstetler. Burial was in Amish Cemetery, Nottawa Twp., Michigan.

Miller, Emanuel B., 95, Barrs Mills, Ohio

died December 31, age 95 years, 5 month and 16 days. He lived a widower for 23 years, 10 months and 12 days. He was the last of the Benedict Miller Family, the oldest member in the southeast Barrs Mills Church District and probably the oldest among the Amish in the Holmes County area. Surviving are 10 children, 96 grandchildren, 220 great-grandchildren

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 3 at the Dan L. Beachy home.

Miller, Eli J., 83, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died Sunday, November 27 on his chair soon after eating breakfast. He was in ailing health for several months, but was feeling better that morning. He was the son of the late Joni and Katie (Hershberger) Miller and lived in Wayne and Holmes Counties all his life. He was a retired farmer and thresher. He was first married to Barbara (Troyer) Miller who died in 1969. He is survived by his second wife Lydia E. (Hochstetler, Stutzman) Miller; one daughter, Mrs. Jacob R. (Fannie) Troyer of Fredericksburg R2; 4 step-daughters, Mrs. Atlee (Emma) Yoder, Dundee R1, Mrs. Elmer (Anna) Wengard, Millersburg R5, Mrs. Christ J. C. (Susie) Miller, Dalton and Mrs. John J. C. (Mattie) Miller, Fredericksburg R2; one son, Sanford Miller of the home; 15 grandchildren, 44 step-grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; 45 step-great-grandchildren; 11 brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the home on November 30 by Amos Miller and Roman E. Troyer, Geauga County, and at the Christ Petersheim home by Dan Lehman from Indiana and Christ R. Troyer.

Schwartz, Margaret S., 5 days, Monroe R1, Indiana

died November 25 at the Cavlor - Nickel Clinic in Bluffton from a respiratory ailment. She was ill since birth. She was born November 21, 1977 to Jake T. and Rosa B. (Schwartz) Schwartz. Surviving are the parents, four brothers: Christian, Joseph, William and John; two sisters: Barbara and Susan all at home. Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Schwartz and Mr. and Mrs. Christian M. Schwartz.

Funeral services were held November 26 at the parents home. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery.

Schwartz, Martha J. R., 8½ months, Bryant, Indiana
died on November 2 at the home of her parents John P. and Rachel (Graber) Schwartz. The child had been ill briefly with a cold and earache. She was born on February 14, 1977. She is survived with her parents by eight sisters: Katie, Sarah, Anna Rachel, Lydia, Leah, Elizabeth, and Adeline; three brothers: Peter, Samuel, and Johnny all at home; the paternal grandmother Mrs. Peter L. Schwartz, Seymour, Missouri; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Graber, Norfolk, New York.

Funeral services were held at the parents home on November 5. Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

Slabaugh, Susie, 67, Nappanee, Indiana
died December 10, 1977 of cancer. She had been ill for several months. She was a daughter of the late Henry and Mary (Mullet) Hochstetler and was born March 26, 1910. She was first married to Simon J. Slabaugh, who with three sons, Glenn, Simon Jr., and Larry perished in a fire when their house burned on November 2, 1955. She was presently married to Andrew Slabaugh, who survives with 4 sons and 6 daughters: Omer, Plain City, Ohio; John H., Etna Green, Indiana; Edward, Kalona, Iowa; Howard, Nappanee; Mrs. Eli J. (Mary) Hochstetler, Bremen; Mrs. Verna Yoder, Kalona, Iowa; Mrs. Mahlon (Martha) Schmucker, Bremen; Mrs. Eli A. (Barbara) Hochstetler, Nappanee; Mrs. Raymond (Esther) Schwartz, Nappanee; Mrs. Glenn (Sue Ellen) Mast, Sullivan, Illinois; Also many grandchildren, step-children, step-grandchildren etc.

Funeral services were held at the home on December 13 with Bishop Emory Yoder officiating. Burial was in the Weldy Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, Susie S., 70, Kinzers R1, Pennsylvania
died at her home Sunday, November 27, after a lengthy illness. She was born in Mifflin County, and was a daughter of the late David S. and Fannie (Smucker) Renno. She was married to Deacon Ira G. Stoltzfus. Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Elizabeth, wife of David F. Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1; six grandchildren; a brother, John S. Renno, Ronks R1, and a sister, Fannie, wife of Amos Miller, Leola.

Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday, November 30 at 9:00, by Bishop John F. Glick and Preacher Sam K. Kauffman of FranklinCo., leid was read by Deacon Abram S. Beiler. Pallbearere were 4 nephews, Sam Stoltzfus, Dan M. Stoltzfus, Henry R. Miller, and Henry S. Blank. Burial was in the Millwood Cemetery.

Troyer, John, 72, Shipshewana R1, Indiana
died at 1 a.m. in his home on December 26. He had been ill two months with cancer. He was born December 26, 1906 in Ford County, Kansas and had lived in Shipshewana for the past 13 years. He was a minister in the Shipshewana District and had spent most of his life in the Middlebury, Millersburg and Shipshewana areas. He married Katie Miller, May 27, 1926. Survivors include the widow; two daughters, Mrs. Harley (Edna Mae) Frye, LaGrange, and Mrs. Daniel (Joanna) Graber, White Pigeon, Michigan: two sons, Raymond and Edward, both of Middlebury; 16 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; three sisters, Mrs. Joas (Mary) Troyer, Shipshewana, Mrs. Enos (Edna) Troyer, Goshen and Mrs. William (Lydia) Miller, Cromwell; and two brothers, Neal, Topeka, and Jerry, Ligonier. A daughter, Alice, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the Felty Mast residence on December 29, 9:30 a.m., one mile west of Shipshewana. Bishop Harley Yoder and LeRoy Miller officiated. Burial was in the East Barren Cemetery.

Wickey, Samuel D., 78, Monroe R1, Indiana
died Thursday evening, December 29 at his home following a heart attack. He had been ailing for 2 years. He was a retired farmer and Deacon in the Amish Church. He was born in Adams County, January 2, 1899, and was the son of David A. and Mary (Schwartz) Wickey. He was married to Elizabeth (Schmidt) who died May 18, 1938, and later married Magalena (Zook) who survives. Surviving with his wife are the following children: Mrs. Christian P. (Sarah) Schwartz, Mrs. Jacob (Mattie) Schwartz, Samuel Z. Wickey and John Wickey all of Geneva R2; Mrs. Peter P. (Mary) Schwartz, Mrs. Christian G. (Priscilla) Schwartz, Mrs. Joseph M. (Katherine) Schwartz, all of Seymore, Missouri; Aaron S. Wickey, Joseph, Emanuel, and Noah, all of Monroe R1; 88 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; the following brothers and sisters: Jacob D., Berne R2; David D., Geneva R2; Mrs. Noah S. (Christina) Wengerd, John D., and Noah D., all of Berne R1; Mrs. Peter (Mary) Girod, Curryville, Missouri; August D., Wolcottville; Mrs. Henry H. (Katherine) Schwartz, Geneva R2, and Mrs. Cletus (Rebecca) Christner, Berne R2. A son, four daughters, three sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held January 2 at his home and also at Emanuel Schmidts. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery.

Yoder, Clara, 2, Medford, Wisconsin
died Thrusday, November 17 at her home from injuries received in a buggy accident, October 28. She was born at Medford, November 7, 1975 to Joe F. Yoder and Elizabeth (Miller). Surviving are the parents and a sister Amanda, both grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Yoder and Mr. and Mrs. Ammon S. Miller.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 19 at the home.

Yoder, Cletus, 53, Hicksville R2, Ohio
died at his home November 28. He had been in failing health the past several months. He was born on February 20, 1924, and was the son of Clemance and Barbara (Mast) Yoder. He had been blind all his life. Surviving are his mother, Barbara, 3 brothers, John of West Unity, Ohio, Stephen of Hartville, Ohio, Nelson of Pettisville, Ohio, 2 sisters, Mrs. Eli (Elizabeth) Hershberger, New Glarus, Wisconsin, Mrs. Edwin (Bertha) Lengacher.

Funeral services were held at the Jacob Raber residence, December 1 by Jonas Beachy, Iowa and Victor Yoder.

Community Notes - Nappanee, Indiana

Daniel J. Borkholder, 68, Nappanee R3, suffered a broken pelvis, two broken ribs, and a cracked vertabrae when a bull attacked him on December 7. He was in Bremen Hospital until December 24 and is recuperating satisfactorily at home.

Mrs. Eldon Ropp (Anna Borkholder) of Bremen R1, was admitted to Plymouth Hospital on December 28 with kidney and heart trouble.

Community Notes - Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania

Elias Stoltzfus is in the General Hospital with fever and doctors seem puzzled about what causes his fever.

Elam Smoker, Bird-in-Hand, near Kauffmans Fruit Farms also spent his Christmas holidays in the Lancaster General Hospital with complications.

Community Note - Wayne County, Ohio

Melvin J. D. Yoder, 58, Fredericksburg R2, had surgery on December 8 to have his voice box removed due to cancer. He returned home December 21 and is getting along as good as can be expected. They had to run a generator 16 hours a day for a misting for his throat.

The house trailer and contents of Miss Lydia Miller of Eby Rd., Orrville, burned while she was away on December 14. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Communtiy Note - Adams County, Indiana

Preacher Henry Shetler, 51, Berne R1, received a broken neck (his 3rd vertabrae) while doing the evening chores. A nephew helping him was throwing down hay and as Henry walked under the hay chute a bale of hay fell on his head. He was first taken to the Decatur Hospital and the next day transferred to the Luthern Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was in traction there 2 weeks and 2 days. He is at home now, but still has a brace screwed to his head and has to wear it for 6 weeks. This happened on December 1.

Communtiy Note - Adams County, Indiana

Marlan B. Hilty, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome A. Hilty, Berne R1, received a broken arm on November 18, while helping to get in wood. He was standing on a piece of wood when it rolled. He fell and broke the large bone in his right arm. He is getting along real good, but has to wear the cast 4 weeks.

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TO RECALL A FEW MEMORIES OF THE PAST

The Samuel Konig Family

(227) Barbara King (224) born November 21, 1834, died in 1918, married to Michael Smoker, son of Daniel and Barbara (Lapp) Smoker. They lived in Lancaster County, and he was at one time a mail carrier between the two towns of Intercourse and Gordonville. Barbara, his wife, was crippled the last years of her life and walked with crutches for about thirty years. To them were born nine children which are listed as follows. (228) Benjamin Smoker (227) born 1858, married to Lizzie K. Beiler. They lived for a few years at Midland, Virginia and back again to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. A granddaughter, Lillian E. Peterson, was married to Daniel M. Glick of Smoketown. (229) Christian K. Smoker (227) born 1861, married to Mary Y. Byler of Mifflin County. They lived in Belleville, Mifflin County, and was at one time Editor of "The Belleville Times". They were Mennonites, but several of the children lived in Lancaster County. The oldest named (230) Arie Smoker (229) was the first wife of Isaac Zook of Smyrna. His son Joel Zook by his second marriage is minister and bishop in the Mt. Pleasant District. The second daughter was (231) Barbara Smoker (229) widow of Moses Yoder. She is living in California with most of her children. (232) Fannie Smoker (229) was the wife of Joseph Stoltzfus who lives in the town of Intercourse at present. (223) John Smoker (229) born 1899, lives at Pottstown and was at one time a school teacher in our local public schools here in Lancaster County. (234) Lydia Smoker (227) born 1863, married to Abraham King, son of Abraham and Susan (Stoltzfus) King. One of their daughters, Mattie King was married to Abraham F. Stoltzfus, the parents of Eli K. Stoltzfus who has a harness shop in Intercourse. Another daughter, Lydia King, was married to the late Levi Lapp of near Gordonville, also another daughter, Suvilla, is married to Moses King and they are living north of Strasburg at present. (235) Levi K. Smoker (227) born 1865, married first to Sarah Lapp, and secondly to Barbara Flaud, widow of David Dienner. They were the parents of Daniel K. Smoker and grandparents of Mike Smoker who has a butcher shop at the present (236) John Smoker (227) born 1868, was married to Elizabeth Byler, and secondly to Lucy Beachey from Somerset County. They also lived for a few years in Midland and Norfolk, Virginia, and then moved back to Lancaster County where they became members of the Millwood Mennonite Church. (237) Barbara Smoker (227) born 1872, she became the second wife of Samuel Umble of Chester County: (238) Michael Smoker Jr. (227) married to Louise Wisseman; (239) Leah Smoker (227) born 1878, married to Daniel L. Lapp. He was better known in his time as (der Rote Dan Lapp) and lived in the town of Smoketown. Another surviving child of Benjamin and Lydia (Zook) King was (240) Rachel King (224) born 1839, married to Christian Esh, son of Jacob and Barbara (Hooley) Esh of Juniata Co. Although Christian and his wife Rachel lived in Lancaster County, the oldest son (241) John Esh (240) married to Rebecca Zook and lived on the farm one mile south of New Holland where his son Jacob Esh now lives. (242) Lydia Esh (240) married to Jacob S. King (see family No. 212 of the November 1977 issue of "The Diary"). (243) Jacob C. Esh (240) married to Mary Zook. They lived on the farm one fourth mile south west of Bird-in-Hand where his son John and grandson Christian Esh now live, also a son Amos Esh is minister in Lebanon County. (244) Barbara Esh (240) born 1876 became the second wife of Elias Smoker who in turn were the parents of the late Bishop John Smoker of near Intercourse. (245) Leah Esh (240) married to Daniel Smoker. They were the parents of Samuel L. Smoker who lives a few miles east of Intercourse. (246) Joel Esh (240) born 1880, married to Annie Fisher. A grandson Samuel Esh is a deacon in the Georgetown District presently.

Another surviving child in the Benjamin and Lydia (Zook) King family was (247) Annie King (224) born 1841, married to Gideon Petersheim, son of John and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Petersheim. They had only one child to marry named (248) John K. Petersheim (247) born 1883, died of injuries from the attack of an unruly bull on April 6, 1932. Two sons Enos and Isaac Petersheim live in the Georgetown District and a grandson Christian R. Petersheim is a minister there.

(249) Joel King (224) also a surviving son of Benjamin King was born 1847, married to Annie Stoltzfus, daughter of Deacon Christian and Catherine (Kurtz) Stoltzfus. Joel King was ordained minister in the Groffdale District in 1882 and bishop in 1897. They lived in the Weaverland valley between New Holland and Terre Hill until he was ordained a minister in 1882, then they moved to the farm west of New Holland now owned by Eli Beiler. Here Joel died in 1901 at 54 years of age, being bishop only four years. There is a large offspring of this family in Lancaster Couny. Their son, the late Joel King Jr. was a minister and his son Jonas King is also minister. A great grandson John King is a minister in Franklin County presently.

(250) Benjamin King (242) another surviving child of Benjamin and Lydia (Zook) King was born 1849, married to Jemima Beiler, she married secondly to Bishop Gideon K. Stoltzfus. Benjamin King was ordained minister in 1899 and died one year later in 1900. The oldest child and the only child yet living of this family is Salina King born September 25, 1872, married in 1897 to Enos Stoltzfus. She is now 105 years old. No children were born to this union. Aaron King who is a minister in the Upper Pequea District is a grand son of the above mentioned Benjamin King.

(251) Leah King (224)? another surviving child of Benjamin and Lydia King was born 1852. She became the second wife of Christian Kanagy, son of Jacob Kanagy of Mifflin County. No children were born to this union.

(252) Sarah King (242) daughter of Benjamin and Lydia King was born 1854, married to Jacob Zook son of Bishop Eli and Rebecca (Lapp) Zook. Jacob had married his first wife Elizabeth Flaud. There was one

child born to this union, namely Isaac Zook of Ronks, born 1877, married first to Sarah Lapp, secondly to Lydia Stoltzfus. Lydia married secondly to John U. Stoltzfus. There were several children born from this family, but none being affiliated with the Amish churches.

The next in line of children of John and Barbara (Fisher) King was (253) Barbara King (172) born March 13, 1813, in East Lampeter Township, died December 20, 1855 at 42 years of age leaving a family of twelve children of which several died in their minority. She was married to Jacob Stoltzfus who was a minister in the Middle Pequea Church District and brother to Deacon Christian of Union County and also to Deacon John Stoltzfus who had moved from Lancaster County to Concord, Tennessee. Jacob Stoltzfus married his second wife, Nancy Smucker, widow of Absalom Kanagy of Mifflin County, and after her death he married to Nancy Kurtz a maiden lady, daughter of Christian and Catherine (King) Kurtz. The oldest of the family was (253.1) John J. Stoltzfus (253) born 1831, died 1905 in the vicinity of Morgantown, married to Barbara Mast, daughter of David and Fanny (Byler) Mast of Morgantown. He married his second wife, Nancy Zook, daughter of Levi and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Zook. To his first marriage were born eight children, of which five died in their minority. The oldest was (254) Emma Stoltzfus (253.1) born 1867, married to Abraham Stoltzfus. They had several children one being D. M. Stoltzfus who was proprietor of the D. M. Stoltzfus Stone Quarries. Also a son John Stoltzfus married to Sallie Smoker who in turn were the parents of the one time Bishop Leroy Stoltzfus of the Millwood Mennonite Church. (255) Mast Stoltzfus (253.1) married to Mary Beiler. They lived in the vicinity of Morgantown where there is a large offspring of this family. To mention a few are Job Stoltzfus the well known horse dealer at New Holland. He has several sons in the ministry in the Mennonite Church. Mast Stoltzfus Jr. with their family are living in Union County at the present time. (256) Annie Stoltzfus (253.1) was married to Bishop John A. Stoltzfus of the Weavertown Amish Mennonite Church.

(257) Jonathan Stoltzfus (253) the second son of Jacob and Barbara (King) Stoltzfus was born 1832, married to Elizabeth Lapp, daughter of Jonathan and Susan (Fisher) Lapp. Jonathan Stoltzfus often went by the name of "Der glea Yune Stoltzfus". They lived on the farm now owned by Elmer Petersheim before moving to White Horse on the Reed farm where he was engaged in lime burning and was also in the scavenger business. Their children were (258) Barbara Stoltzfus (257) married to Samuel Beiler who was known by many as "Der blind Sam Beiler". (259) Gideon Stoltzfus (257) married to Nancy Fisher, secondly to Malinda Esh. A great-grandson Amos Stoltzfus Jr. is minister in the Lower Pequea District, (260) Anna Stoltzfus (257) married to John Stoltzfus, son of David and Sarah (Mast) Stoltzfus. They lived on the first farm south of the Gap and was know as "Gap John". Two grandsons John and Christ Lapp are both Deacons in the Lower Pequea District. Minister Joseph Fisher of near Ronks is a great grandson. (261) Jonathan Stoltzfus Jr. (257) born 1873, died at 32 years of age, married to Betsie Stoltzfus. She married secondly to John Riehl. (262) Stephen Stoltzfus (257) born 1876, married Margaret Berkey. They lived in Chester County with their family and were affiliated with the Mennonite Churches. (263) Elizabeth Stoltzfus (257) married to Moses Riehl. He was minister and deacon in the Weavertown Amish Mennonite Church.

(264) Jacob Stoltzfus (253) the third son of Jacob and Barbara (King) Stoltzfus was born in 1836, married Nancy Kauffman daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Lapp) Kauffman, born 1840. He met an instantaneous death on the railroad in 1887 together with Barbara Stoltzfus of Kansas. We will give an account of the railroad accident as it appeared in the Lancaster newspaper at that time, but would first like to point out the relationship between these two women. You will notice that Jacob Stoltzfus of No. 253 married his second wife the widow of Absalom Kanagy, Barbara being their daughter was married to Isaac Stoltzfus, son of Deacon Christian Stoltzfus of Union County, brother of Jacob of No. 253. So you can see that Nancy's husband Jacob Stoltzfus Jr. and Isaac were first cousins and Nancy and Barbara figured themselves sisters through both their parents second marriages. It is not known when Barbara, wife of Isaac Stoltzfus left Hartford, Kansas to go east to visit her mother and other relatives, but when the time came for Isaac to come east for his wife's funeral the bank supplied him funds for his train fare. The three children living at home, the oldest being 19 years old, did not come along.

Following is the newspaper clipping account of the train accident from page 187 of the "Fisher Book".

Newspaper Clipping of a fatal Train Accident occurring in 1887

A most appealing accident occurred at a crossing a short distance east of Ronk's Station on the Penna. R.R. this afternoon, when the Fast Line west, due in this city at 2 o'clock struck a wagon containing two middle-aged ladies, instantly killing one lady and the horse and the other lady died in a few minutes.

The victims were Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus (nee Kauffman), of Leacock Twp. and Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus (nee Kanagy) of Kansas.

Barbara Stoltzfus was living when picked up and was carried unconscious to a dwelling nearby where she died soon afterward.

When the train reached Lancaster the train was found to be spattered with blood, and the ghastly spectacle was seen by many persons who were at the station when the train arrived.

The accident occurred at Steel's Crossing, close by the old Steele farm now occupied by Jonathan Smoker, and after the accident the bodies were carried to the house and laid upon the porch until later in the day when they were removed to the late home of Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus.

The only visible marks on the victims was a deep cut above Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus' left eye and a hole in the right cheek of the other.

The wagon, a covered one, similar to those used by all the Amish people, was badly broken and the horse, which was carried for about 75 or 100 yards was disemboweled.

The news of the accident spread rapidly and a large crowd of neighbors was on the scene of the awful catastrophe before the bodies were taken to the Stoltzfus farm which they had left so full of life only a few short hours before.

Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus was a daughter of Samuel Kauffman, deceased, formerly of near Paradise. She was about fifty years of age, and leaves seven children, the youngest 2 years old. Three are married, Samuel J. living near Limeville; Amos K. living at home and farmed the place; Sarah, wife of Stephen Mast, near Morgantown. Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus, the other victim, was the wife of Isaac Stoltzfus formerly of this county, but now in Kansas. She was the daughter of Absalom Kanagy, of Union County. Mrs. Stoltzfus was here on a visit, none of her immediate family accompanying her. Relatives in the west have been telegraphed of the sad affair.

The ladies were going to a corn husking at Jonathan King's when the accident occurred. Mr. King had been sick and his friends and neighbors resolved to husk his corn for him. The men had gathered for this purpose on Tuesday and the women were to join the party in the afternoon. It being the custom for the women of the households to gather toward the close of the day and enjoy a repast with their husbands, fathers and male relatives.

It was such a meeting that the unfortunate women were about to attend.

One of the largest funerals that ever took place in this county was held on Saturday, when Mrs. Nancy and Barbara Stoltzfus, the victims of Tuesday's terrible railroad accident at Lapp's Crossing, were buried. The double funeral was held at the late residence of Mrs. Nancy Stoltzfus, whose husband, Jacob Stoltzfus, farms the old Stoltzfus homestead, which is located within a half mile of the Old Road, a short distance below Weavertown, in Leacock Township.

The sight presented at the farm Saturday morning when visited by a representative of the New Era, was one not soon to be forgotten. Vehicles of every description, Amish wagons, carriages, buggies and open wagons lined the fences all about the premises, and by actual count there were two hundred and seventy vehicles on the spot, in addition to at least fifty at the neighboring farm of Christian Stoltzfus. These means of conveyance brought an average of at least three persons, and many walked to the farm, so that a close estimate made put the number present at twelve hundred. The house was jammed almost to suffocation, and the grounds were crowded.

The funeral services were held in the house, and were announced to be held at 9 O'clock, but really began at half-past eight O'clock, being conducted entirely in German. Rev. Gideon Stoltzfus, of the Gap, opened the exercises and preached a short discourse, after which a sermon of nearly an hour's length was preached by Rev. John Peachy, of Belleville, Mifflin county.

After the services in the house, the remains were brought out in the yard, the coffins being placed on a long bench, where they were viewed by the large concourse of people, the women passing in rotation on one side of the corpses and the men on the other. The bodies had been prepared for the grave by undertaker Peter Sowers of Monterey. According to the rules of the Amish faith, the bodies were dressed in plain white cap and shoulder kerchief, and encased in walnut coffins of the severest plainness, lined only with a linen sheet. These coffins were half opened by a double lid, which exposed the features of the dead.

After the remains were viewed they were borne to two open spring wagons, no hearses being used by the Amish people, for conveyance to the burial grounds. The carriers for Mrs. Nancy Stoltzfus were Samuel Smoker, Michael Beiler, Joshua Lapp and Samuel King, and for Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus, Abram Stoltzfus, David L. Glick, David Lantz and Benjamin Stoltzfus. At about 11 O'clock the funeral cortege began to form and as far as the eye could reach was the long string of vehicles, being added to as fast as the teams could be gotten from their hitchings, and loaded with the numerous relatives and friends. It was fully twelve O'clock before the last team got started for the burial place, Beiler's graveyard near Ronk's Station. Here the bodies were consigned to the earth with only the ceremony of the reading of a chapter of scripture by Rev. Stoltzfus and another hymn by Elder Christian Stoltzfus.

During the services at the house the Amish custom of the women removing their bonnets and wearing only the plain white caps was observed, and they stood there while the bodies were viewed in the yard, hundreds of their black bonnets and shawls being hung upon the fence.

After the funeral hundreds of the people returned to the house by invitation and were fed following out the custom usual in the county, everybody being invited to do so, and nearly all the afternoon was so taken up. Besides this the teams of the relatives and immediate friends of the deceased, were stabled and fed.

The large concourse included all the relatives of the deceased in this county, and also the sister of Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus, Mrs. Rachel Zook of Mifflin, as well as her husband, Mr. Isaac Stoltzfus, of Kansas.

Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus had premonitions of the sad accident which befell her, as related by her own family. Three weeks ago she told her son that her end would be short and she marked and showed to him two hymns in her hymn book, one of which she wished read at her funeral services and the other at the grave. These were the two hymns read by Elders Beiler and Stoltzfus and thus her wishes were carried out.

[*End of newspaper account*]

(265) Samuel J. Stoltzfus (264) born 1860, married to Hannah Stoltzfus. They had lived at Limeville and in the vicinity of Morgantown and last on the home farm where his grandson, Samuel J. Stoltzfus, now lives.

(266) Amos K. Stoltzfus (264) married to Katie King lived on the home farm where Sam Stoltzfus now lives one half mile east of Bird-in-Hand. (267) Sarah Stoltzfus (264) married to Stephen H. Mast of near Morgantown. (268) Elizabeth Stoltzfus (264) married to David Mast also of near Morgantown. (269) Annie K. Stoltzfus (264) married to Jacob R. Glick of near Leacock. She died at 26 years of age. (270) Malinda Stoltzfus (264) was the first wife of Isaac Glick of Smoketown. She died in 1896, at 29 years of age.

(270) Rebecca Stoltzfus (253) the fourth child of Jacob and Barbara (King) Stoltzfus was born in 1838 in Lancaster County, married to Daniel Esh, born 1833, in Mifflin County, son of Shem and Mattie (Riehl) Esh of Mifflin and later of Union County, Pennsylvania. Shem Esh died in Union County in 1839 at 33 years of age, so in 1848 the widow with her family moved to Lancaster County when Daniel Esh of this sketch was only 15 years old. Daniel was ordained to the ministry in the Middle Pequea District in 1879. To this union were born ten children all of which were married and had offspring. We will not go into details with this family, but I believe it is safe to say that 60 percent of the Amish in Lancaster County today descend from the Daniel Esh family, either directly or through intermarriages. A son Stephen Esh was minister and bishop. A son Amos Esh was a minister. A son-in-law Samuel Stoltzfus was minister and bishop. A son-in-law Daniel Stoltzfus was deacon. A son-in-law Benuel Stoltzfus was minister. These latter three were of the Conestoga District. Our aged Bishop Aaron Esh and Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus both are grandsons.

(271) Mary Stoltzfus (253) the fifth child of Jacob and Barbara (King) Stoltzfus was born 1840, married to Michael Kauffman, son of Samuel and Sarah (Lapp) Kauffman. There were 12 children born to this union. All were married and had offspring. All but four of this family became affiliated with the Amish Mennonite Churches. (272) Jacob Kauffman (271) the oldest married to Katie King. They lived in the Upper Pequea District and had a large family. (273) Malinda Kauffman (271) married to David Smoker. They had one child, Katie married to Daniel Esh of Intercourse, a grandson of the old Daniel Esh. Malinda married secondly to Jeptha Stoltzfus and had one son Elmer D. Stoltzfus of Upper Millcreek District. (274) Savilla Kauffman (271) married to Benuel Fisher. (275) Mary Kauffman (271) married to Deacon Aaron M. Fisher the parents of John A. Fisher of Strasburg. Samuel, Michael Jr., Daniel, Ada married to John Umble, Emma Kauffman wife of Bishop John Kennel, Katie wife of Christian Kauffman and Rebecca wife of Daniel Zook, all lived in Chester County.

(276) Simeon Stoltzfus (253) the sixth child born 1844, married to Sarah Esh, daughter of Abraham and Catherine Headings Esh of Union County, Pa. Simeon died in 1875 at 31 years of age. There were three children born to this union and only one who married. That was Rebecca Stoltzfus born 1869, married to John M. Stoltzfus of Morgantown. They were the parents of Katie Stoltzfus the first wife of David Zook, Jonas Stoltzfus of Oakland, Maryland. Stephen R., John S., Ammon, Aaron and Isaac Stoltzfus all of the Morgantown vicinity.

The youngest child of Jacob and Barbara (King) Stoltzfus was (278) Catherine Stoltzfus (253) born 1852, married to Jonas Stoltzfus. They lived and had the farm where Ephraim Riehl now lives. Their children were Annie Stoltzfus who became the second wife of Jacob R. Glick. Lydia who was married to Amos Ebersol. Theywere with the Jehovah's Witness church and Daniel Stoltzfus married first to Lizzie Petersheim and secondly to Mary Beiler. Their are no surviving children from this union

(278) Moses Stoltzfus (253) the nineth child of Jacob and Barbara (King) Stoltzfus was born December 25, 1847, died January 25, 1877. He died single in Davis County, Iowa. The best way to explain the life of the boy is to reprint an article of the early Pulaski Amish Church in Iowa by Elam B. Stoltzfoos as it appeared in the March 1973 issue of "The Diary".

Amos L. Fisher

AN ACCOUNT OF MOSES STOLTZFUS

condensed from the article in The Diary volume 5, page 56 by Elam B. Stoltfoos.

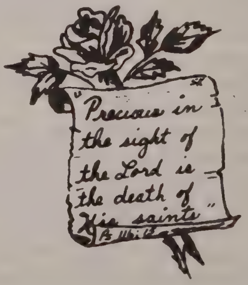
Moses Stoltzfus probably came to Iowa in the latter part of 1875. With him were som of the Swartzentruber family, including the two sisters of Christian Swartzentruber. He bought some land that now belongs to Harold Baughman, who lives along Route 2, that runs from Ft. Madison to Bloomsfeild.

Mrs. Malinda Baughman told the writer that this Moses was a very good-looking young man, and remembered him well when he visited his parents, and was engaged to be married to pleasant Ann Plank, a daughter of Jeptha J. Plank, who founded the town of Pulaski. The date of the weeding had been planned and set. However, Moses had been afflicted with carbuncles and finally had become verry serious, with one on his neck. He sent word to his relatives in Lancaster County, Pa., that he would like to see them and his Brother, Jacob Stoltzfus, and brother-in-law, daniel esh, started for Iowa, and arrived at Pulaski a few hours after he died in January, 1877. It is said that he told those at his bedside that his relatives are coming and are not far away.

He had been a rather wayeard youth in his time, but, Mrs. Malinda Baughman told the writer, the church tried to take care of his spiritual need, and he was baptized by Minister Philip Roulet on his sickbed. He Died in a house on land that is now owned by Harold Baughman of Bloomfeild, Iowa.

His brother Jacob, and brother-in-law, Daniel Esh, were at Christian Swartzentruvers the first night after arriving in Iowa, and were hard to wake up the next morning, being tired from the long train ride, so they sent one of the small boys to knock on the door. As they were using Pennsylvania Dutch, he simply said to the Pennsylvania folks, "It is time to stand up," to the amusement of all.

He is buried in the Pulaski Cemetery, just a short distance north of town. He was born in 1848, and died in 1877, age 29 yrs. and 24 days. Sometime afterwards his bride-to-be planted a small pine tree on his grave as a remembrance, and it is today a very large tree.


"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints"

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Notice to Reporters: We have just finished the task of indexing the 1977 reports. We are amazed at the wide field of reports which furnishes splendid information to our readers for years to come. This information can be made available only by our reporters. We wish to thank you all for your fine cooperation.

It is quite encouraging to the editors when a volunteer reporter visits our home. Could Providence provide more of them we would be grateful. During the index process we notice many fields open yet. We are now in position to offer a gift from our publishing stock to anyone who introduces a faithful reporter to an area not yet covered. Kindly call our attention to your efforts and we will mail something by the end of the year. We will attempt to list some on our mind now that have been skimped and some that are yet open. Perhaps many readers will have more on their mind. A few are Bradford Co., Pennsylvania, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania, Western New York, more from Geauga County, Ohio. Ashland - Knox Co., Ohio, and perhaps other new settlements further west.

Another invaluable report is an account of firsts, especially in a new community. Like the first child born there, the first church service, the first marriage and funeral etc. That makes interesting reading for years to come. Farm sales or other spring "close outs" can also be reported.

We wish to announce that we now have room for a wider range of reports, especially community notes. Crop and weather reports can include more information concerning methods used in farming from plow to harvest. That is history for the oncoming generation. New settlements can give an account of visiting ministers at services or who established or helped to establish the new community. Old settlements can list out of state or county ministers at funerals or other noteable occasions. Major meetings when many out of the area members attend can also be listed.

Every faithful reporter is elgible to "The Diary" free of charge and will also receive a Shop and Service directory as a compliment. If anyone is overlooked, kindly drop us a line.

We are gradually moving the mailing date up to where it should be. To acheive this we must enforce an editing date which is the 5 of each month barring Sundays. Reports that reach us later must now be carried over to the next month. We may also remind you to write only on one side of your paper and double space your lines. Give as complete information as is possible, especially on birth, marriage, and obituary reports. The births should be sent in alphabetized by last name. Be sure to include your name with the crop and weather report and county and state on every section of your report. These things all help to make our job easier and help to avoid confusion.

Thank you for your cooperation and we wish each reporter and reader a prosperous new year.

The Editors

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Norfolk, New York

Winter set in earlier than usual this year. Dec 11 the temperature dropped from 15 to 20 below. At one time the snow was a good knee-high, the latter part of the month we had somewhat of a thaw which settled the snow a lot. We also had some very nice clear winter weather.

There is still a lot of corn in the feilds. The silage seems to be very high in protein this year.

Lycoming County, Pa. by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather was snow and more snow for December with some zero and [illegible] zero temperatures. On Dec 11 was about 10 below zero and some had more. Not much corn husking was done in Dec. Good Sled riding and sleighing was in December almost thruout.

Southern Lycoming County, Pennsylvania by John K. Fisher

We had some snow laying on the ground since the fifth , although most of it is melted away now. The temperature read 4 degrees above for the lowest and the highest 40 for the month of December. There is not much frost in the ground yet due to the snow we had which measured about 6 inches. There is still some corn to be picked yet and some is being husked by hand.

Clinton County, Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Beiler

December was quite changeable with temperatures ranging from 5 below zero to 40 above. We had snow on the ground most of the month, also some icy spots as at times the snow melted, or it rained and then froze again. The last week of the month we had mostly sunny days.

Centre County, [Nittany Valley]Pennsylvania by Henry M. Glick

December came in very nice the first four days. Second week in deer Season it snowed about 6 inches. Got very cold and windy with temperature down to ten and twelve degrees. Second full week weather was a little more milder with snow and rain. 19th to 24th it was mild again with more rain and snow. Temperature low 20 deg.

Christmas Day was mild with temperature in high 40, but till evening it blew off and got real cold. Last week in December it got warmer each day. Last 3 days very warm with temperature in 50s. The month of December had snow on the ground all the time.

Centre County, [Brush Valley], Pa. by David B. Stoltzfus

We had a good taste of winter weather during December with several 5 to 8 inch snowfalls in the first half of the month with some drifting, and a low temperature of 10 below zero on December 11. We also had some rainy days in the latter half of December making icy lanes and barnyards. There is still quite a bit of corn to be picked due to snow and wet weather and the ground not having been frozen until recently.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania by Levi S. King

We had 4.7 inches of rain in December and a few light snows. Mostly damp or rainy days, except the last 10 days which gave the farmers a chance to get some corn fodder in before the new year. Total Rainfall for the year was 50.2 inches and about 32 inches of snow. Our driest month of the year was May which apparently shortened the hay and straw crops, otherwise the farmers had a good average year for crops.

Seventeen Amish babies were born in 1977 and one adult funeral for the year.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, by Levi S. Stoltzfus

Market Report: choice fat cattle $47.50 cwt.; feeder cattle $32-$42 cwt; fat hogs $45 - $49 cwt.; feeder pigs $40 - $86 cwt.; dairy cows at New Holland $575 - $1590; foul .10 - .27 per lb.; pullets .41 - .49 a lb.; capons .67 per lb.; ducks .54 - .63 per lb.; geese .55 per lb.; turkeys .47 - .51 per lb.; gunies $1.05 per lb.; hay $71 - $145 per ton; straw $71 - $155 per ton; corn fodder $50 per ton; ear corn $65 per ton, $2.35 per bushel; wheat $2.50 per bushel; barley $1.80 per bushel; oats $1.60 per bushel; large eggs .65 - .68 per dozen; potaotes, retail $5 cwt.; milk $10.50 cwt.

Chester County, Pennsylvania, by J. Elmer Lapp

December was another wet month. We had rain on the 3rd, 5th, 14th, 18th, 20th, and 25th, making a total of 4.75 inches. It snowed on the 5th, 6th, 9th and 30th, a total of approximately 5 inches. The low temperature on the 11 and 12 was around 10 degrees, with 7 degrees on the morning of the 28. Some farmers that had corn to pick yet finished up while the ground was frozen. A few baled corn fodder hoping to bale more later again as bedding is a very high price. Straw is selling from $100 to $140 per ton.

Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pennsylvania by Sam M. Troyer

December is within a few hours of history. And it was possibly a little on the cool side. On the tenth it was 5 degrees and on the 28th it was 6 degrees the two coldest days, that is morning temperatures. We had about four inches of rain and about ten inches of snow. At presant the snow is about all gone. There still is quite a bit of corn on the stalk.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania, by David Y. Renno

December was mostly cold and wet with zero temperatures several mornings. We had very little snow, but lots of rain between the cold spells.

This year 1977 is now in history and has been a year with extremely cold last January and extremely hot in July. Also extremely dry last spring and extremely wet in the fall. Crops were medium except for corn was excellant.

Health in general, was fair Only three of our members spent some time in a hospital except for a few maternity cases. Most babies now are in an Amish maternity home here.

Two of our members died this year. One an Elderly woman and one a 6 year old child.

Five of our members were married this year and two couples took up housekeeping here.

There were 16 babies born here of our people 6 boys and 10 girls, and no infants died. Three families moved away from here this past year, and no others moved in. So our group is about the same in size as a year ago.

An aged widow moved in this area this year to spend her declining years with her only daughter.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

December was a nice winter month with a good bit of snow. Also some foggy, cloudy days but 10 more sunny days than we had during October or November. Lowest temperature 6 degrees, highest low 50s. We had a nice covering of snow during most of december, also real good sledding which children enjoyed very much. Now the last week of December was warmer, snow melted a good bit. Only some in patches in the feilds.

Adams Co., Pennsylvania, by Lizzie Stoltzfus

The year closed with a December that had above normal temperatures and a surplus of precipitation. Temperatures were on the average about seven degrees above those for December of 1976. The range was from a high of 52 degrees on the first day of the month to 8 above zero on the 12 and 27. There was a total of 1.4 inches of snow here that helped boost the total precipitation to 5.45 inches. There were nine days with measureable amounts of rain or snow. The growing season for this past year between the last freeze in the spring and the first in the fall was 185 days.

The coldest day of the year was on January 17, when the low was 6 below zero. The year's hottest day came on July 6 when temperature reached the high of 99 degrees. Snowfall totaled only 15.8 inches, but the total precipitation for the year was 41.72 inches.

Franklin Co., Pennsylvaina, by Jacob E. Flaud

The month of November was wet with a lot of rain and cloudy days. There is still some corn to pick in the low fields where the ground is too soft to get in. Wheat and barley started nice this fall. Some fall plowing is done.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania, by Abe S. Kinsinger

December was a nice winter month with not very much snow, but enough to have the ground covered nicely. We also had a couple spells of cold with zero temperatures. The last Thursday, Friday and Saturday were real nice sunny days. Hopefully January will be nice. Their was still some corn being husked, and nice weather to keep the manure hauled. The women are busy quilting.

Crawford County, Pennsylvania by Mrs. Menno Fisher

December was changeable. The first full week we had an unseasonable blizzard. It started to snow Mon. December 5th, snowed day and night a good part of the week. High winds and zero temperature Thursday and Friday. No school in the area Wednesday thru Friday. Saturday it was more mild, Sunday we had a little sunshine. Then there was quite a bit of rain the next week ending with several beautiful days. The rest of the month was more mild, a few zero mornings. Nice weather to cut woods. We did not have a white Christmas.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Jonas N. Bontrager

We had lots of nice weather, also rains that flooded the low places. Some snow and also some zero temperatures. The corn is nearly all harvested.

Hog prices are around .42. Some choice beef is up some. Milk prices are steady. Hay is up, and there is a good demand for driving horses and also draft horses.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder.

The weather for this month was very changeable. The forepart of the month was snowy, slippery and windy. On the 8 we had 8 inches of snow. The low temperature was zero and the high 60, some places had below zero. Quite a bit of shock corn was husked the last few weeks.

Southeastern Holmes County, Ohio, by John L. Yoder

Our last month of the year had a variation of weather, with occasional cold spells. Thermometers at the zero mark, but was of short duration. Some snow but about all gone till end of month. Also some warmer days with some rain, ground mostly frozen the last week. Still some corn to husk. Hogs bringing $46. Pig prices about holding their own.

Eastern Holmes County, Ohio by Raymond S. Weaver

Weather was warm with some rains during first half. Turned colder for a short spell around the middle then mild. After Thanksgiving, weather was colder again. Still some corn out that is to be husked by machine.

Allen County, Indiana by Mrs. John Schmucker

The weather varied quite a lot at times. Had several days in 30s and 40s. The warmest of 50 degrees on the 16th and the coldest of 6 below zero on the 11th. Also rain and snow blizzards and was so drifted on the ninth that there was no school, milkman, or mailman and hung at zero all day.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

November 1977 was a cloudy and cold month. Most of the days were cloudy with very little sunshine. We had our first snow on the 10. There are still corn and beans in the fields as the ground was too wet for farmers to get in. The coldest we had was 18 on the 13th.

LaGrange County, Indiana by Anna S. Eash

We have had some winter weather in December. It was not so cold until the afternoon of the 7th. It started to snow and was a high wind, and continued all day Friday. Many schools were closed, roads were closed. By Saturday it was nice and clear but around zero in the morning. A farm sale was postponed. Temperatures moderated and a week later when the sale was then held, it was of much milder temperature, but cloudy. It was drizzly all day Sunday, 18th. The following week we had more snow and some near zero weather. Going to church on Christmas day was with grateful hearts, but cold and windy. 2 near zero on Monday Morning and since it has been real wintry. We are glad to be comfortable and all praises to him.

Work at factories is off quite a bit now - men are busy keeping barn chores etc. done, women are trying to catch up on sewing and quilting.

May we look to him to guide and keep us in his ways in the new untried year ahead.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The average snow fall for this area in December was 5.3 inches, but this year we had 7 inches bringing the total amount of snow for this season to 25.5 inches. The average snowfall for the area for the whole season is 24.5 inches, so we already had one inch over our average and winter isn't half over. We had below zero three different times during the month, 5 below was the coldest on the 10th. Our highest temperature was 49 on both the 16 and the 18. We had one half inch of rain. Our coldest weather came in two spells the first one from the 6 to the 13, the second one set in on the night of the 24 and warmed up again on the 28. The rest of the month was damp and we had 17 all cloudy days and only 3 all sunshiny days. There are quite a few soy beans, and also quite a bit of corn in the fields yet, due to wet and soft fields. During the first cold snap the ground was covered with snow and the ground didn't freeze, but since the 24 it was mostly bare and it is froze hard and the farmers are busy at their crops and hauling manure. The ground was mostly bare on Christmas day, except for drifts. All in all we had a real good year.

Daviess County, Indiana, by Elizabeth Mar Raber

The month of December we had a few snow storms and snow drifted to the extent that some roads were almost impassable. We also had freezing rains and near zero temperatures a few times.

Elkhart County, Indiana by Sam J. Stoltzfus

First week of December was snow and windy, school was dismissed early because of snow and road conditions, 9th was very windy, no school, with the chill being 35 degrees below zero. 16th - 19th was 38 - 40 weather. 20th rain turning to snow, 21st snow and 20 degrees, Christmas weekend - snow flurries and cold. 26th at zero. 29th and 30th, sunny, damp and at 40 degrees. Is a lot of flu and sore throat going around. People very busy doing their butchering and hauling manure etc.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Dienner

The weather has mostly been cloudy and damp although from the 5 to the 9 we had quite a snowstorm. There was no school for two days and no mail for 3 days. The temperature was near zero, then it warmed up again and the snow melted so fast that water was standing in the fields. Not much corn was harvested in December and there are still a few patches left for the new year. We had a few mornings of near zero also a few days with above 40 degrees.

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

November brought us much cloudy, misty weather, very little sunshine, and a total of 6.5 inches of rain, most of which was needed to bring our low water leval back to near norma Temperature was moderate with a low of 22 degrees on the 14th and a high of 70 degrees on the 4th and 5th. We only had severa frosty mornings and very little frost in the ground, with the plenty rain and mild temperatures it makes for extra goodlooking grain fields, still a few sowing late wheat.

Farmers are about a month behind in shredding corn, due to the wet weather which also greatly the quality of the fodder.

Wood cutting and butchering are on the go.

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

December was unusually wet with temperatures above normal. There were many cloudy, damp days with a total rainfall for the month of 8.5 inches. The low was 5 degrees on the 27 with a high of 55 degrees on the first with no measureable snowfall yet. Farmers are way behind in getting corn shredded.

Total rainfall for 1977 was 42.7 inches with 8 inches of snow. Low temperatures was 7 degrees on January 17, high was 95 on July 19th and 20th.

St. Mary's County, Maryland

December was mostly wet. Several times it snowed a little but not enough to cover the ground. The temperature dropped to 10 degrees on the 12th and the 27th and 29th.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

No measureable snow fell in December, although we had quite a bit of cold weather with temperature down to 8 above on the 10. Not very much rain fell resulting in some plowing being done. There are still some beans in the fields. Beans are $6, corn $2.20, and hogs $45 cwt.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

Temperature was 4 below zero on the 9, which was the coldest so far this winter. We had about 5 or 6 inches of snow altogether in November and December, but none on the ground at present except where it had drifted. The last week in December was real nice and sunshiny with temperatures above 40 degrees several days. On the 31 it was foggy and rainy. Corn and soybeans which had been left till the ground freezes are mostly harvested by now. Beans yielded good, from 30 to 50 bu. per acre.

Ethridge, Tennessee, by Jacob J. Gingerich

December has been fair weather with a low temperature of 11 and a high of 66. We had several light snows and a 2.3 inch rainfall. We also had some very nice sunny weather which was good to get some plowing done. Some are busy cutting wood and stripping tobacco etc.

Audrian Co., Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

The forepart of December was wintry weather with quite a bit of snow. From the 16 to the 19 we had a warmer spell with plenty of mud. The latter part it froze up again, but there was no snow. There is still some corn to husk, also shredding and cleaning barns are being done.

Marshfield, Missouri, by Reuben Yoder

The month of December was typical for Missouri, very changeable. Some days were warm and sunny with temperatures in the 50's, then cloudy, windy and foggy with several mornings of zero readings. We also had several small snows and rains. On the 24 the weather changed 4 times in 24 hours. Hog prices hit a high of $46 per cwt.

Anabel, Mo. by Mrs. Abe Y. Bontrager

We had some rain off and on the fore part of the month. On the ninth we had our first snow flurries but not enough to see it on the ground. And it has been colder since, the 26th we had 6 degrees. On the 27th we got 3 inches of snow, which stayed the rest of the month. On the 28th it was 5 degrees. Corn husking is done as weather permits. Very little has been done because of our wet weather.

Anabel, Mo. by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntrager

We have started in with anothe rather cold winter, Had rain and 5 inches of snow on the 5th, which left highways with a thick coat of ice and very dangerous driving. At places the wind blew cars off of the icy highways into the ditches. Had an all day snow the 7th, leaving 10 inches altogether on the leval. Was 5 below the 9th with a very strong wind, a chill factor of 25 to 30 degrees below zero, closing many roads. All public schools in the area were closed for most of the week.Temperatures moderated after the middle of the month and turned colder again the last of the month. Snow had all left but got another 2½ on December 19th - 20th. Have only snow banks left. 9 below zero on New Year morning.

Reno County [Haven], Kansas, by Mrs. E. E. Schrock

December has been a nice one. We've had very few snow flurries so far this winter. We had some cold weather nearing the zero mark a few times. Cattle are on wheat pasture.

Garnett, Kansas ,by Edward H. Yoder

November brought us more than average rainfall recorded 3.11 inches. High temperature was 67 on November 4th and the low was 11 degrees on November 26th. The later harvested was delayed due to the rain and damp weather. There is not much wheat sowed but some have still been sowing. The crops in general were pretty good this fall in particular soy beans.

Reno County, Kansas by Edward A. Mast

The last month was mild on the average with only a few mornings that it went under 10 degrees wind was on the move a lot of days from both the North and South directions, Had one good soaking rain, but not enough snow to cover the ground at any time. A lot of wheat is being pastured, with field conditions being ideal.

Johnson County, Iowa by Eli S. Bontrager

Weather wise its been pretty wintry most of December, .We had 10 below zero on November 26th already. and zero and below 8 times in December so far. We also had 7 - 8 inches of snow around the 20th, but it has settled some. The ground is not froze yet to speak of under the snow. So picking corn with heavy machinery is not going too good yet, as feilds were soft all fall, and theres still som corn to be picked yet, even some of those picking by hand. The old saying still holds out "Make hay while the sun shines." Of course it was an exception this fall with the wet fields.

A year ago there was lots of plowing or chiseling done but not so this fall.

Utica, Minnesota by Atlee J. Shetler

December brought us cold and warm - Rain and snow - blizzards and foggy.The second wk. it went down to 12 below and stormy - no school on the ninth. The week of the 11th it warmed up and had 3 days in a row a lot of fog - on the 17th it rained most of the day and had for three days in the 30th.

On the 21st temperature dropped again and stormy.

The last week it again went to 10 below the first part of the week then by the end of the week it was up to 20 above and some more snow.

Buchanan Co., Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

We had eight zero mornings and below. 20 below [redacted] coldest. The week of the 11 it was very foggy, melting some of our snow. We also had more snow at times. Its butchering time for the farmers and barn cleaning time.

Canton, Minnesota, by Chriss H. Stutzman

The first and the last week were quite cold with 20 below zero a few mornings. We had a foot deep snow the beginning of December, and rain on the 17. The snow was not all gone till we had another 10 inches by the last of the month. The second and third week were quite mild with a few cloudy days.

Wadena, Minnesota, by Mrs. William M. Schrock Sr.

We had a lot of cold weather in December, with a normal amount of snow. The coldest was 32 below, but around the middle of the month the temperature went up to 32 above. Over Christmas it was 22 below again. We had a lot of nice sunshiny days.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

December was cold except for a mild spell from the 12 to the 23 when it was cloudy and damp with some rain. We had lots of snow but the mild weather and rain took almost all of it. Now we have almost as much snow as before. The coldest was 24 below.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

December was colder than average with quite a lot of wind. It was 8 below zero on the 7 and 12 below on the 26. Several mornings it was down to zero. We had quite a bit of snow the first half, around 16 inches. The week of the 15 we had a thaw, which melted most of the snow except in the drifts. We had around 10 inches since which makes a good cover. The men are busy cutting wood and hauling manure.

Chetek, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Henry Lehman

The first 5 days of December were fair. The 6 we had 20 below and some wind and it was 25 below on the 10. It warmed up fast after that and was above freezing most of the time till the 20, with snow flurries off and on. The 16 and 17 it rained most of the time and the snow was all gone by Sunday. Tuesday morning we had a nice blanket of snow again and also some colder weather again - as far as 20 below on the 27. We also had some snow flurries.

Amherst,Wisconsin,by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

We had nice weather in December with subzero temperatures. The coldest we had was 18 below zero. The week of the 11th we had mild weather which melted most of our snow. Was very damp and foggy, but the next week we had snow again, leaving a nice blanket of about 8 -10 inches. Men folks are cutting wood for the winter while the others are butchering.

Medford, Wisconsin by John Schmucker Jr.

November was an ordinary winter month with a layer of snow now and then. No real blizzards. The week of hunting season being about the coldest. Some days being quite foggy and blustery. The deer crop turned good this year.

Cashton, Wisconsin by Joe C. Borntrager

The weather for November was mostly mild till the 25th. It went down to around 20 below zero, we also have about a foot of snow since around the 20th. It has warmed up a little at times going up close to freezing during the day time.

Evansville, Wisconsin, by John R. Yutzy

We had a low of 16 below zero on the 9th and a high of 40 degrees on the 17th. We had around 20 inches of snow. There is still some corn and soybeans in the fields. Farm sales are not so plentiful this year in our area. Wood cutting and chores is the work among men. 1977 was dry the first half of the year, but with plenty of moisture the second half, which gave us very good crops.

Centreville, Michigan, by Irene Yoder

We really had winter weather the week of December 4, and by the 9 we did not have school due to road conditions, high winds and zero temperatures. Then by the 13 it was warmer and the snow almost all gone. We had a white Christmas and zero temperatures by the 26, also more snow all week.

Bronson, Michican byOra A. Graber

The month in general varied from one week to the next, to extreme cold, from 50 degree weather. We had zero the first week and again zero the third week with stormy winds and drifting snow.

The year in general was very dry at times in the spring, and more wet in late summer, Late crops were bumper yields most everywhere through here, especially corn, beans and last cutting hay (Third cutting).

Branch County, Michican by Mrs. Noah N. Swartz

December came in as a cloudy fair and rainy month. The week of the fifth it got colder and snowed and quite windy driving the chill factor to 35 below. By the 9th many roads were closed by snow. The next week warmed again and rained. Another cold spell right after Christmas, again warming up to 35 and 40 degrees the last 2 days.

Camden, Michican by Levi R. Graber

We had 5 days of snow and 3 mornings of zero to 4 below zero, also some rain which melted most of the heavy snow we had recieved in November December 28, 29, and 30 were nice and mild, which gave a good chance for the farmers to finish shredding and corn picking. The Farmers Strike is also drawing attention in this area. Weanling Pigs were selling on December 30 at Hillside Auction $31.00 for 35 pounds.

Lucknow, Ontario by Edward Gingerich

The first part of November was mild until the tenth it turned colder and we had around 5 inches of snow on the 11th. This was all gone by the 15th, we had rain and warmer by the 20th. Then it turned colder with close to a foot of snow on the 25th, 26, and 27th. On the 30th it rained and by December 1 most of the snow was gone. Quite a few people are finished with fall plowing.

Community Notes - Dover, Delaware

The closing out farm sale of Preacher Elmer J. and Mary Yoder was held on November 5th with a nice day, a good crowd and fair prices. They are getting ready to move to Marion, Kentucky.

The Grandfather sale of Preacher Norman C. and Esther Swartzentruber was held on November 19th with a nice but cool day, and good crowd and extra good prices. They are getting ready to move in their new Grandfather's house at their daughter Anna, the Lewis Swartzentruber place.

Community Notes - Clark, Missouri

Mose Yoder had a stroke on October 30 and was admitted to the hospital where he stayed over 7 weeks. He was quite low at times, but was able to come home December 21. He is confined to bed and is parlyzed on his left side.

Levi, 17 year old son of Felty Millers jumped from the hay mow into a broken off fork handle on December 21. He punctured his intestine, which was open at his side until the puncture heals. He was released from the hospital in about 10 days, but is to go back later again for further surgery.

Community Note - Chetek, Wisconsin

Ervin 2½ year old son of Henry H. Millers was taken to the Barron Hospital on the evening of the 26th and rushed by ambulance to Eau Claire Hospital in critical condition from dehydrating after having sore throat and flu. By last reports he had improved somewhat.

Community Note - Wadena, Minnesota

William M. Schrock Sr. had a swollen left leg for about 5 weeks. He went to the doctor who said he has blood clots in his veins. He was ordered to stay in bed and keep warm with hot packs, he also gave 4 kinds of pills. His leg was thick and swollen all the way up to his hip.

Communtiy Note - Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania

On December 4th West District Church was divided and the next Sunday 6 families from the East District were put over to the North Church, making 3 church districts for Lebanon County. After the families are all moved to their homes in the spring we will have the following ministers and families in each district:

East District:	Bishop Isaac H. Zook Minister David M. Lapp Deacon David J. Peachey total of 24 families
North District:	Minister David L. Smoker Minister Amos Z. Esh Total of 24 families
West District	Minister David S. Lapp Minister Moses G. Lapp Deacon Amos G. Lantz total of 25 families

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Community note - Arthur, Illinois

Mrs. (Katie) Jake E. Herschberger had a severe stroke on the evening of December 15. She was found lying on the floor about 8 p.m. and was taken to the St Mary's Hospital at Decatur. She was in a helpless condition and her right side seemed paralyzid. They fed her through the veins until they colapsed. She could take a little nourishment through the mouth, but was speechless. On December 28 she seemed to have a delayed stroke again which left her in a still weaker condition. She died Monday morning, January 2, 1978 at 2 a.m. (see obituary in a later issue)

Mrs. Andy (Trucilla) Schrock slipped on the ice while attempting to open a shed door. She fell and broke her left arm just above the wrist. Her arm is in a cast a little above the elbow and also in a sling.

Farming and Gardening in the Bible

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CHAPTER 9

Flowers

Spring carpets the hills and valleys of Palestine with myriads of wild flowers. From the steaming heat of the lower Jordan valley and the salt-laden air of the Dead Sea shores, upwards through the terraced hillsides and cool mountain glens, lushly painting the fertile plains and shyly dotting the mountain reaches of Lebanon, finally to disappear beneath the snow line, hundreds and hundreds of varieties proclaim nature's annual awakening. A British botanist recognized half a thousand species common in his native soil, while almost as many again have been identified as being unknown beyond Bible lands.

This verdant costume, this bloom of color, has brought joy to the soul of man each springtime, in all lands. Solomon voiced the vernal tribute which every poet feels in his heart at nature's resurrection.

Yet spring was fleeting, and early summer heat and rainless skies parched and shrivelled the tender little blooms, and the shepherds and husbandmen of Judah and Galilee felt the melancholy which mankind knows at the passing of youth and beauty and innocence. The ancient Hebrew, like the Scot, had a somber strain in his rugged character. The most heart-stirring Scottish music and poems are tied to laments and dirges. *The Flowers of the Forest,* Scotland's poignant coronach for her dead heroes, is unutterably sad music, yet it stirs deep wells of hope and faith as well as sorrow and heartbreak. We find similar life within death in some floral passages of the Bible.

Nahum, in his first chapter, mourns the languishing of the flower of the forest of Lebanon, yet in the last verse hope rises anew: "Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!" The *Psalmist* (103:15) sees man's brief span as the ephemeral life of the flower: "As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more." *Isaiah* (40:6-8) voices a similar strain: "The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it." Eight hundred years later another devout naturalist, Peter, wrote almost identical words [*I Peter* 1:24). Many pages of history filled the space separating these two men, yet each responded alike to nature's brave brief flourish. The Apostle *James* (1:11) warns the wealthy man who trusts in his riches, "Because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways."

Yet, in spite of the profusion of flowers which greeted the Children of Israel each springtime, the Bible pages are almost empty of floral texts. If we discount references to blossoms of trees such as the almond, pomegranate, vine and fig, and confine our research to flowers of the garden and field category, we find but three: the rose, the camphire and the lily. They are so named in the Authorized Version: in the Revised Version the rose becomes, alternatively, the autumn crocus; the camphire is called hennaflowers, but the lily remains the lily. Biblical botanists, however, are not content with this classification, and the inquiring reader can find, in Bible literature, numerous speculations on the identity of these flowers.

Only the lilies blossom in the New Testament. In *Matthew* (6:28-30) Jesus pays a tribute to nature's handiwork displayed in a simple wild flower, which it is unlikely that anyone will ever equal. Standing on a hilltop, surrounded by a multitude who thronged the grasscovered, flower-studded slopes below Him, the Master bent down and plucked a beautiful wild flower in its full bloom of vivid colors. A tiny flower would have been indiscernible to many of His audience, so it was probably long stemmed and full bodied. We may take our choice of any of the flowers suggested for this reference by botanical investigators, anemone, asphodel, field daisy, marta gon, tulip, gladiolus, iris—and, of course, the ordinary white lily. "Consider the lilies of the field," said Jesus. He may have held several wild flowers in His hand. Some commentators hold that lily was a generic name applied to wild flowers in general, just as we speak of grass and lump clover, alfalfa, timothy and a dozen other varieties under the common name. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

If we meditate on these verses, and study their implication, the idea may unfold that the Master was an expert botanist, thoroughly familiar with plant structure and processes. He did not say, "Consider the lilies" but "Consider the lilies, how they grow." Then, shifting His gaze to sweep His audience of working men and women, He went on "They toil not, neither do they spin" and He probably paused to let the contrast sink in. And then, with an emphasis and assurance ringing with authority and knowledge, "And yet I say unto you." This is a stronger assertion than Jesus' more frequent "Verily, verily, I say unto you." Solomon was the most resplendent and magnificent figure in Jewish history, and the Master deliberately contrasted what His rather drab audience considered the acme of regal splendor with a familiar wildflower, and then stamped the lily as surpassing Solomon's greatest glory.

Solomon, too, had his lilies, intimately symbolized and identified with the great lover. "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters" [*Song of Solomon* [illegible]. Solomon's lilies are subject to as much botanical speculation as those of Jesus, but there is general agreement that the lily of the valleys is not *Convallaria majalis* with its drooping little bells. The *Song of Solomon* gives us several clues, following the one above mentioned. The expression "feeding among the lilies" occurs three times (2:16, 4:5, 6:3), the middle one referring to roes or gazelles, the others to the loved one. The inference seems to be that these lilies grew in lush pastures.

A variation on the feeding theme is found in the same Book (6:2): "My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies." This appears to be the lone Biblical mention of the picking of flowers for their aesthetic value, and even this meaning is conjectural, for the plant may have been edible, or yielded fragrant oil or perfume. This latter assumption gets support from another passage (5:13): "His lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh." A Persian variety of lily secretes a liquid comparable to myrrh. In the Orient the bulbs of the tiger lily are considered an edible delicacy, and in parts of Russia the martagon lily is eaten. Thus, once more, we can only guess the identity of a Bible plant, and its significance to men and women of old. Yet the lily, whatever species of flower it was, symbolized Israel's true being and finer qualities. "I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily," promised Jehovah, through his servant *Hosea* (14:5).

The implication of the opening verses of the 2nd chapter of *Solomon's Song* seems to be that the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys, were beautiful wildflowers which here and there brightened a landscape otherwise choked with thorns and briers. The plain of Sharon was remarkably fertile, although sandy stretches and rocky hillocks broke up the cultivated acres, and there the rose of Sharon may have bloomed amongst wilder vegetation. The rose of the Scriptures is even harder to classify than is the lily. On both occasions when it is mentioned the reference is allegorical. *Isaiah* (35:1) in a countryman's lyric of enthusiam proclaims, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly."

The same Hebrew word designates the rose of Isaiah and that of Solomon, which in the Revised Version is given the alternative name of autumn crocus. There is reason for believing that the rose bush which we know and admire budded in yearly beauty in Old Palestine; certainly the rose was cultivated in the most ancient times in the Levant and adjacent countries for the exquiste botanists advance the validity of claims for rose honors by the tulip, the narcissus, the oleander and the autumn crocus, or meadow saffron as it is sometimes called. This last is based on a breakdown of the Hebrew name, ***habazzeleth*** or ***chabatstseleth***, which translates into English as "acrid bulb." This flower was common throughout Bible lands and yielded extracts valuable for medicinal and culinary purposes.

If our research did not go beyond the Authorized Version of the Bible, we would be inclined to classify camphire as a shrub or a tree. Solomon rhapsodizes, "My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi" (*Song of Solomon* [illegible]) and again [illegible] "Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard." In both these passages a marginal note against "camphire" gives the alternative "cypress." The Revised Version does not use the word camphire but substitutes henna flowers, and henna, respectively, with a marginal note *Hebrew: Copher*, against the first mentioned. The Hebrew *Copher* or *Kopher* becomes *Al Khanna* in Arabic, *Khenna* in Egyptian and *Henna* in Persian, which last name has come into English usage. In England the plant is called *Egyptian privet*, while the West Indies have adopted it as *Jamacia mignonette*. Its botanical name is *Lawsonia inermis*. Delicate four-petalled white flowers bloom fragrantly on this slim shrub; the clustered flowers are set off from lanceshaped leaves.

Henna is one of the oldest of cosmetics. The dried leaves were powdered and then made into a paste which was used to dye the skin, and enhance the beauty of the hands and feet, and particularly the nails. An Egyptian woman who permitted her nails to be seen without henna stain was considered as immodest as one who exhibited her body. Traces of henna dye have been observed on the nails of mummies. "King Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh." We may surmise that henna was imported for the beauty salon of this foreign princess, who was exalted above Solomon's other wives by having a magnificent palace built for her. Not only fashionable women used henna, but the beards and hair of men, and even the manes and tails of horses were dyed with this orange-red stain. Mohammed is reputed to have henna-dyed his beard and the fashion spread to other famous Moslems.

It is rather remarkable that the Bible is so sparse in mention of flowering plants, considering that the most sacred religious decorations of the Jewish religion, the ephod, the golden candlesticks of the altar, the great temple of Solomon with its elaborate sacred furnishings and ornaments, were embellished with carved and woven lilies, pomegranates, almond blossoms and open flowers not other wise identified. Of all religions, the ancient Jewish was most mandatory in its prohibition of anything faintly pertaining to idolatry. One of the ten commandments, delivered by Moses on Mt. Sinai starts, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth" (*Exodus* 20:4).

The Mosaic Law not only laid down and codified religious observance and ritual, but regulated much of the social, political and economic life and customs of Israel. The inclusion of flower representations on sacrosanct objects pertaining to worship, some specifically enumerated and formally arranged as on an architect's blueprint, must have stemmed from a much more esoteric source than artistic design. We recall the lotus of Egypt, which ornaments so many records of the Pharaohs. In the mystery religions of Tibet, in China and India and Assyria the mystic lotus

Für den Herold der Wahrheit.

Eine kurze Ermahnung.

Von der Liebe.

„Die Liebe ſei nicht falſch. Haſſet das Arge, hanget dem Guten an. Die brüderliche Liebe unter einander ſei herzlich. Einer komme dem Andern mit Ehrerbietung zuvor.“ Römer 9, 10. Seid einander nichts ſchuldig, denn daß ihr euch unter einander liebet; denn wer denn Andern liebet, der hat das Geſetz erfüllet. Wir wiſſen aber, daß denen, die Gott lieben, alle Dinge zum Beſten dienen, die nach dem Vorſatze berufen ſind. Gott iſt die Liebe, und wer in der Liebe bleibt, der bleibt in Gott und Gott in ihm. Darum iſt die Liebe völlig bei uns, auf daß wir eine Freudigkeit haben am Tage des Gerichts; denn gleich wie er iſt ſo ſind auch wir in dieſer Welt. Furcht iſt nicht in der Liebe, ſondern die völlige Liebe treibet die Furcht aus, denn die Furcht hat Pein. Wer ſich aber fürchtet, der iſt nicht völlig in der Liebe. Laſſet uns ihn lieben, denn er hat uns zuerſt geliebt. So Jemand ſpricht: Ich liebe Gott, und haſſet ſeinen Bruder, der iſt ein Lügner; denn wer ſeinen Bruder nicht liebet, den er ſiehet, wie kann er Gott lieben, den er nicht ſiehet? Und dieſes Gebot haben wir von ihm, daß wer Gott liebet, der auch ſeinen Bruder liebet.

Unſer lieber Heiland hat uns viel von der Liebe gezeugt. Gleichwie mich mein Vater liebet, alſo liebe ich euch auch. Bleibet in meiner Liebe. So ihr meine Gebote haltet, ſo bleibet ihr in meiner Liebe, gleich wie ich meines Vaters Gebote halte und bleibe in ſeiner Liebe. Liebet ihr mich, ſo haltet meine Gebote. Salomon ſagt: Denn Liebe iſt wie der Tod, und Eifer iſt feſt wie die Hölle. Ihre Gluth iſt feuerig und eine Flamme des Herrn, daß auch viele Waſſer nicht mögen die Liebe auslöſchen, noch die Ströme ſie erſäufen. Wenn einer alles Gut in ſeinem Hauſe um die Liebe geben wollte, ſo würde es alles nichts gelten. Die Liebe iſt langmüthig und freundlich, die Liebe eifert nicht, die Liebe treibet nicht Muthwillen, ſie blähet ſich nicht, ſie ſtellt ſich nicht ungebertig, ſie ſucht nicht das Ihre, ſie läßt ſich nicht erbittern, ſie trachtet nicht nach Schaden, ſie freuet ſich nicht der Ungerechtigkeit, ſie freut ſich aber der Wahrheit.

Sirach ſagt: Gott lieben, das iſt die ſchönſte Wahrheit. Und wandelt in der Liebe gleichwie uns Chriſtus geliebet hat, und ſich ſelbſt dargegeben für uns zur Gabe und Opfer, Gott zu einem ſüßen Geruch. Was hätte denn unſer liebe Heiland mehr thun können, als er für uns gethan hat? Er iſt von dem hohen Himmelsthron herunter gekommen, um uns arme Sünder zu erretten von dem Fluch des Todes und dem ewigen Verderben. Wo wir doch in all unſerem Leben müßten Knechte der Sünden ſein, haſt du, o Gott, uns frei gemacht und verſetzt in das Reich deines lieben Sohnes Jeſum Chriſtum. Darum, liebe Brüder und Schweſtern, thut den Armen Gutes; unſern lieben Heiland wird es euch vielmals und tauſend Mal vergelten; er wird euch mit zeitlichen, wie auch mit geiſtlichen Gütern ſegnen. Dieſes werden ſchon viele Brüder, die die Armen in ihrer Noth verſorgt und ihnen Gutes gethan, erfahren haben.

Ich weiß wohl, daß wer noch keine Armuth erfahren hat, der weiß nicht was Armuth heißt. Ich aber hab es ſchon ſelbſt erfahren; aber unſer lieber Heiland hat mich reichlich geſegnet, daß ich an allem Ueberfluß habe und den Armen auch mittheilen kann, was wir alle nicht vergeſſen ſollten, denn es iſt ein angenehmes Opfer für unſern lieben Heiland; denn er thut ja nichts lieber, als ſeinen Kindern Gutes thun. Er thut ſie ſegnen mit himmliſchen und irdiſchen Schätzen. Wenn nur alle Brüder ſchreiben thäten wie der Anfänger unſerer Kirche recht als vor Gott in Chriſto Jeſu, Amen.

Euer ſchwacher Bruder,

Chriſtian Schmitt

Niagara Conuty, Ne. Y.

represented, to the initiate, the soul of man rising in ethereal beauty from its earthrooted mortal shell, as the white petals of the lotus rose from the mud-silted waters; the ignorant admired or revered the outward representation, and nothing more. The Egyptian lotus was a waterlily, *Nymphaea lotus*, as was the sacred lotus of India, *Nelumbium nelumbo*. The lily of Israel may have been a water one. In Hebrew it is called *shoshan, shoshannah, and shushan*. The latter name appears in Esther's romance in "Shushan the palace." The same peculiar phrase occurs in the first verse of *Nehemiah;* perhaps we should think of it as "the lily palace." One of the few women named in the history of Jesus was "Susanna..which ministered unto him" (*Luke* 8:3). As the etymology indicates, her English name would be Lily.☐

Days well spent are drops all sparkling
 In the waters deep and broad,
Of Eternity's Great Ocean,
 Every drop is held by God.
Days well spent are Shining Jewels
 Scattered in the peaceful road
Which to happiness will lead us
 To our Father's blest abode.

From the Writing Book of Lydia L. (Fisher) Petersheim

A close study of the Strassburger - Hinke ship lists does give an Abraham Cortz on shiplist 79A and 79C. The signatures given in German script of these 1740 lists do in no way correspond with the 1749 133C shiplist signature. Therefore we cannot accept the claim that these were the signature of one man, rather there were two Abraham Kurtzes to come to America. Moreover, shiplists C were the same signatures that signed an oath to the English government. These signatures were only required once and when a German immigrant came to America more than once, his multiple signature is generally found in lists A or B, which were for the captains and the provincial clerks records. It is, however, possible that Abraham crossed the Atlantic a number of times, although it appears most logical that his first landing was in 1749. The fact that no other known Amish name appears on the 79 series shiplists practically outcasts the former theory to be very uncommon.

The most careful calculation will suggest that Abraham Kurtz was born betwen 1720 and 1724. In 1740, he would have been very young to administer a colony of his church people to America. By 1749, his age would be more acceptable and that shiplist does give at least 14 known Amish immigrants, and perhaps six or eight more prospective Amish, to come to America on ship Phoenix. However, on this ship was also Abraham Traxsel, who was an Amish bishop and six days before this landing was Jacob Hertzler a known Amish bishop. Therefore, we suggest that Abraham Kurtz came with a colony of his church people to America at this time. If he made 5 trips across the Atlantic, it is more probable that he administered a certain group at a later date. At this date we speculate a stronger possibility that Abraham Kurtz was ordained in America.

Joseph F. Beiler

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

The Kurtzes in America
Abraham Kurtz

As stated in last month's article it has long been suspected that Jacob and Abraham Kurtz were brothers, this can now be affirmed by a Lancaster County Deed Book (QQ Page 314). Which one of the two is the oldest cannot definitely be stated, even their families run in line datewise with so little variation that we can only suggest that Jacob was the older of the two, but we have no proof. Another long standing tradition in this Kurtz family, that of our immigrant Abraham Kurtz being a minister can also now be verified by the recently found Alms book.

The Alms Book

This recently found Alms Book is in possession in lieu of the church, by Deacon Jacob B. Zook, R1, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who has preserved it as well. This documile is perhaps the most worthy of all finds concerning the first Amish Church of Lancaster Co. It proves the truth to many traditional notes of former writers, of which many have been practically desregarded by our society in the last century. Like Deacon Hans Kurtz being in charge of the Northkill Alms Book, likewise Abraham Kurtz being in charge of this Conestoga Pequea Alms Book until his death. At this point we surmise that he, like Hans Kurtz was a deacon instead of a minister, in spite of existing legends that Abraham Kurtz preached certain sermons in the New Holland area. It is known that some of our early deacons have led sermons on certain occasions, perhaps in emergencies or when called upon.

A common question arises today, when did this practice change of keeping account of alms money which is contrary to our scriptural belief? The answer is that in one sense it did not change at all. A close observation of these alms books will find that in these, there are not accounts of alms given during commandments at Communion, rather they are an account of mutual aid given to the church and by the church. Many of our pioneering fathers willed money to the church, besides giving generous contributions by some while still living. These funds were comsumed by the needy, some widows, it provided sea fare for some who came to port practically penniless and at least one account goes to a family to buy land in a western establishment. In any event, if it was to the church or by the church the fund was entrusted, and rightly so, to the deacon who kept an account of his stewardship, which was periodically examined by other and all ministers, perhaps sometimes by lay members upon request. It is, however, evident that of these funds were possibly used for Communion preparation, for hymn books and other devotionals used by the church.

It must be realized that in those days there were no insurance policies exercised by our church. In some of our western congregations all insurance, liability or relief aids are still administered by the deacon which is rightly so and closer to our Fatherland standards than to have elected committies or organizations in charge of lay members. But in either case all proceeds are carefully recorded and should be available for examination by any member. A facsimile of the Conestoga - Pequea Alms Book currently appears in the Diary.

If this alms book were complete, the entries have begun in 1774, which would then be a probable date that Abraham Kurtz was ordained. However, we suspect that the forepart of the book is missing which leaves us without an exact date of its beginning.

In spite of the invaluable report of the late Horace K. Martin; which perhaps merits recognition to truth to fit in somewhere, to this article it needs to be readjusted. He quotes that from a letter of a fourth generation Kurtz, who in turn gathered it from his grandmother, that Abraham Kurtz came to America in 1740. In 1755 Abraham made another trip to Germany, his first wife having died, he returned again in 1749 with a second wife. He being an Amish minister, he brought with him a colony of his church people to America with him. He goes on to say that he settled first in Berks Co., Pennsylvania, later in Earl Twp., Lancaster County, where he died. It was at the later place, where Abraham and Barbara entertained many of George Washington's soldiers when they were stationed at Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War. He continues that Abraham Kurtz, according to tradition, has crossed the Atlantic five times.

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